

NEWS SUMMARY

GENERAL

Black Sydney hotel blast kills 2

Two dustmen were killed when a bomb planted in a rubbish bin at Sydney's 42-storey Hilton Hotel exploded. Four police officers were among six people who were injured. The explosion took place one day after Mr. Malcolm Fraser, Australian Prime Minister, and other Commonwealth leaders who were attending a four-day Commonwealth regional conference in Sydney. The hotel was damaged, but returned to service. In Sydney, police hunting the bombers said that they were searching for three men in their 30s who had been described as "black" and "of Arab descent". They described the incident as a deliberate attempt to sabotage the conference. Regional conference, Page 4

Uzorewa's stand backed by party

Abel Uzorewa yesterday won the full backing of 360 delegates to the party congress of the United African National Union for his stand against racial voting rolls in a new situation for Rhodesia. He said that even if the problem had been resolved, he would still have stood for a referendum on the armed forces remained to be tackled before there could be a signing ceremony. Page 2

French Left bill leads

The French General Election, four weeks off, has been a Left-led campaign. The Left is maintaining its position in the public opinion polls, which is to appear in the magazine Point today, gives the Leftists a 52 per cent of the vote in the first round. Page 4

Israeli protest

Israeli protesters against the U.S. State Department's alleged policy of Jewish settlements, occupied Arab territory and that the U.S. might forfeit its position as a mediator. Page 12

Idat in Paris

President Sadat of Egypt arrived in Paris from Bucharest and talks with President de Gaulle. He is expected to ask for Mirages and other arms. He is due to leave on Tuesday. Page 12

Boys snow

Boys were drowned after a snowstorm in North Wales and a climber died after falling in the mountains of Strathclyde. All roads links between England and Scotland are closed by snow which was expected to continue for at least three days. Page 12

Over-up

Os, organizers of the Miss England and Miss England competition, have told competitors that can no longer wear swimsuits in local heats because it is deter by girls from taking part. Page 12

Chiefly...

British miner was shot dead in Zambia's copperbelt. A report was made to strangle his life. Page 12

pire, the Royal Navy's 10th newest nuclear-powered submarine is to be commissioned at Vickers, Barrow, tomorrow. The seven hours and 22 minutes score 77 in the first Test against New Zealand at Wellington. Page 8

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Germany's refusal to reflate further could stop summit

BY DAVID BELL WASHINGTON, FEB. 12

American irritation at West Germany's continuing refusal to reflate its economy has now reached the point where some U.S. officials are seriously questioning the value of the economic summit scheduled to take place in Bonn in July.

Mr. Michael Blumenthal, U.S. Treasury Secretary, is expected to make this clear when he visits Bonn tomorrow to discuss the agenda for the summit and, once again, to stress the U.S. view that West Germany must do more to stimulate the sluggish world economy.

The disagreement about German economic policy, which has become steadily more serious, began almost as soon as the Carter Administration took office.

Neither the Germans nor the Americans accept the other's position, leading one official here to remark that, at times, the dispute seemed something of a "dialogue of the deaf."

But U.S. officials now insist that some kind of presumption agreement between the U.S. and Germany is essential.

Without it, they say, there is a strong risk that the disagreement between two of the most powerful countries in the industrialized world could torpedo the whole summit.

In their view, this would be infinitely worse than not holding the meeting at all.

Some officials have therefore suggested that the U.S. should consider requesting the cancellation, or at least a postponement, of the summit.

But invitations have already gone out and the Administration is maintaining on why the Ministers met and what they were talking about, observers in Paris believe that the discussions focused on the nervous state of the exchange markets, particularly the recent run on the franc and the uncertain position of the dollar, as well as on the pessimistic outlook for the world economy in 1978.

Forecasts prepared for the meeting of the OECD group dealing with balance of payments problems—the so-called Working Party Three—which is due to meet later this week, show that the recovery adjustment process is still not working properly.

These experts continue to stick to their view that some of the stronger economies such as Japan and West Germany must make a much higher effort to reduce their large payments surpluses and enable the deficit countries to move towards equilibrium.

It is also understood that the experts look on a further appreciation of the Deutschmark and the yen and a consequent depreciation of the dollar as inevitable in the coming months.

The present U.S. balance, according to the forecast, is still expected to be in deficit by about \$150 billion in 1978.

Japan's surplus has been Continued on Back Page

Leyland calls for curb on Japanese

BY TERRY DODSWORTH AND ARTHUR SMITH

BRITISH LEYLAND, the U.K.'s largest exporter, has broken ranks on the motor industry's commitment to free trade with a direct approach to the Department of Trade for some form of import control on Japanese cars.

The radical change in Leyland's policies follows a week in which the Japanese motor companies, having refused to promise future sales restraint in Britain, pushed their sales up to a record 13.9 per cent, against an average of 10.8 per cent last year.

Mr. Michael Edwards, British Leyland chairman, and Sir Leslie Murphy, chairman of the National Enterprise Board—Leyland's largest shareholder—saw Mr. Edmund Dell, the Trade Secretary, on Friday in express "growing disquiet" about the growth in Japanese sales.

The company's trade unions are equally aware of this. On Thursday last, the Gurs Council, the top echelon of the union participation machinery in Leyland, sent a memorandum to all Cabinet members, including the Prime Minister, calling for selective import controls on cars.

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The unions asked the Government to intervene in any plans for shutdowns, closures and phasing down of operations.

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Promises

Although they failed to extract clearly defined promises on future Japanese import restraint, they appear to feel that the Japanese now realise that an expansion of sales this year would force the Government to take action.

The Government would also face substantial problems in designing a policy to limit Japanese vehicle sales in Britain. Since efforts to prove dumping against the Japanese companies failed two years ago, application would have to be made under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade regulations concerned with dumping to an industry.

Until Leyland has proved a spell of continuous production that it is not suffering from self-inflicted damage, this would be very difficult to prove. British action would also have to be taken through the EEC and would therefore have to gain support from the other European motor producing nations.

Leyland's move has been influenced by the market study recently undertaken to prepare the basis of a further application for Government-backed funds from the National Enterprise Board.

The company believes that the task of rebuilding its shattered market share—down to 21 per cent in the U.K. last month against 27 per cent two years ago—will be greatly complicated if there is not a concrete commitment on Japanese policy in Britain.

In spite of the voluntary undertakings on restraint in the last two years, the Japanese market share has crept up in Britain. New importers have entered the market, bringing with them a latent threat of picking up Leyland's dealers and sales.

This underlines Leyland's anxieties about its present model range. The company is now entering a five-year period of redesigning its basic line of volume cars.

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Ethiopia claims troops pushing towards Jijiga

BY JAMES BUXTON HARAR, Feb. 12

ETHIOPIAN army commanders said today that the counter-offensive begun on January 21/22 against Somali forces in the Ogaden region had lifted ten virtual towns of two key Ethiopian towns of Dire Dawa and Harar in the north and troops were pushing towards Jijiga.

Somali forces captured Jijiga in September—a fact that Ethiopia officially acknowledged only today—and have staged several attacks on both Dire Dawa and Harar. They hold the bulk of the Ogaden region.

The claims of success against Somali forces were made at a briefing today when the Government took journalists to the war zone for the first time since last August.

It was the first detail of the multi-pronged retaliation against Somali forces.

In spite of new equipment acquired from the USSR and the acquisition of Soviet technical and medical assistance of Cubans, which Mr. Cyrus Vance, U.S. Secretary of State, has said, extends to actual combat, Ethiopian commanders acknowledge that the Somali regular forces have put up stiff resistance.

One said: "We have a long way to go."

According to Col. Melaku Negash, eastern sector commander, one column of Ethiopian troops has established a perimeter 60 km. along the railway from Dire Dawa to the independent state of Djibouti.

From Harar, one column is said to have established a position three-quarters of the way to Jijiga, a second has reached Jijiga, 34 km. north of Harar, in the mountains south of Dire Dawa, and a third has reached a point 40 km. south of Harar.

Journalists were taken to what was described as the front line of the Somali offensive. Signs of recent combat included wrecked tanks, bodies and empty shell cases. Troops were dug in in foxholes, backed by a squadron of concealed tanks a few kilometres behind.

Commanders said that Somali forces had withdrawn further 20 km. to the south, but there had been no fighting for two weeks on this front.

According to one senior officer, the Somalis struck first on January 21-22 on all four fronts, possibly to push the Ethiopians into an offensive sally, possibly to engage the Ethiopians in battle before their full reinforcements from the USSR could be brought into use.

Ethiopian commanders refuse to discuss tactics but their intention may be to surround and enforce the surrender of many Somalis.

According to Colonel Melaku, Ethiopia has lost 500-700 men, with 1,500 wounded, in the campaign that began last July. He estimated Somali casualties at the equivalent of one division (about 10,000 men).

Ethiopia held only 17 prisoners of war, he said. One displayed to journalists was said to be only 13 years old.

The Ethiopian commander strongly denied claims that the alleged 750,000 Russians and 3,000 Cubans are involved in combat. Colonel Zelace Beyene, representative of the ruling military council or Derg in the region, said that they were advisers, technical and medical personnel. I saw two small groups of Russians on the streets of Harar.

Phase 4 of pay policy emerging

By Christian Tyler, Labour Editor

MINISTERS have begun to discuss ideas for continuing wage restraint but rigorous pay policy expires at the end of July.

Their successors will start talks after the Budget on April 11, in spite of the TUC's policy commitment to a full return to voluntary collective bargaining.

The recent successes of the 10 per cent earnings limit, notably the miners' acceptance of it last week, have encouraged the Chancellor and others to look for some kind of arrangement that will maintain the downward pressure on the retail price index.

Inflation could, they believe, drop as low as 7 per cent in early summer and continue at that level for the rest of the year provided wages are kept in check.

In spite of the warnings of Mr. de Gormley, miners' union secretary, and others that the Government's present path will lead to electoral disaster, Ministers believe the public supports their tough line and that the Opposition's attacks on sanctions against private companies are unconvincing.

Mr. Len Murray, TUC general secretary, has already told the Chancellor that the kind of speeches made early this year about the advantages of extending wage restraint were damaging the chances of peaceful pay settlements in the present round.

Union leaders have also warned Ministers informally not to underestimate the antipathy of certain industries, then I hope

Gas chief defends policy of holding price again

BY ROY HODSON

GROWING differences between heads of the nationalised energy industries over pricing policy will be brought into the open today at the second meeting of the Energy Commission, with Mr. Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the Energy Secretary, in the chair.

Two energy chairmen, Sir Francis Tombs of the Electricity Council and Sir Derek Ezra of the National Coal Board, will attack Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of the British Gas Corporation, for holding gas prices below coal and electricity prices, and allegedly cutting into their markets.

Sir Denis will fight back in a paper to the Commission. He is expected to say that the Rooke policy distorts the whole energy picture.

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Where are there 19 new stories about the city?

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OVERSEAS NEWS

Iranian oil exports fall, Venezuelan output declines

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

TEHERAN, Feb. 12.

IRAN'S exports of crude refined oil and Venezuela's production of crude oil have both fallen back. Iran's exports in January plunged nearly 16 per cent, to 4.75m. barrels a day. Venezuela's production has now fallen to its lowest point in decades.

The size of the drop in Iranian exports is the steepest dramatic indication so far of the extent of the oil glut on world markets. Stock piling by consumer countries is thought to be at an unprecedented level. Huge domestic stocks of distillate and fuel oil started to be built up by importers last spring in anticipation of revived industrial activity and another severe European winter—neither of which materialised.

Unusually high 1977 year-end stocks—newly drawn down—were further bolstered as some buyers tried to beat the price increase that was eventually deferred in December. Iran's exports of heavy crude, which yields a higher proportion of fuel oil than lighter crude, were particularly hard hit.

The National Iranian Oil Company's direct exports of heavy crude from Khuzestan show a 45 per cent drop compared with December. Direct exports of

light crude from the same field, however, were down only 8 per cent. Predictions for world oil consumption for the coming year show an increase of 4 per cent, the same as Iran's own projection for its own exports.

Observers here say that this growth rate can probably be met, although demands for OPEC oil may continue to be slack—partly due to the increased production from Alaska, Mexico and the North Sea. It is thought likely that Iran's exports will pick up next month. But it is a fact of life in the oil world that virtually anything can happen.

Last year at this time Iran expected a big drop in exports. But bad weather stopped ships from taking oil in Saudi Arabia and the whole situation was reversed almost overnight. Iran's budget, announced last week and now debated, strongly indicated a liberalisation of fiscal policy, with its huge loan authorisation.

Joseph Mann reports from Caracas: Venezuela's production has fallen principally because of a persistent surplus of certain crude oils on the world markets. Venezuela's Energy and Mines Ministry's figures released this week-end showed that average crude oil output this year to

February 8 was 1.71m. barrels per day.

This represents a fall of 27.5 per cent—or more than 640,000 barrels per day—compared to production for the same period last year. On a yearly basis Venezuela's crude output has not been at the 1.7m. barrel per day mark since 1958.

As Venezuela is starting the year with such low production figures, petroleum sales have dropped and it will be difficult to make up earnings over the rest of the period unless international demand for crude rises dramatically.

The Government is in the process of carrying out a wide range of costly development programmes, funded chiefly by oil revenues, and any significant decrease in petroleum sales this year will put real pressure on the Treasury. This year alone, the central government budget should total more than \$10bn, with the bulk of ordinary revenues derived from oil.

Over the past few years Venezuela has seen its great petrodollar surplus shrink to the point where the Government must now assume a cautious attitude towards spending if it wishes to avoid regular budgetary deficits.

Coal union rivalry deepens crisis

BY STEWART FLEMING

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.

PRESIDENT CARTER declared an energy state of emergency in Ohio yesterday as efforts to resolve the 88-day U.S. coal strike foundered again on the bitter rivalries within the United Mine Workers' Union (UMW).

This morning the president of the union, Mr. Arnold Miller, called an "informal" meeting of the union's bargaining council. The council had been due to meet formally on Friday but angry crowds of demonstrating miners kept Mr. Miller away from the union headquarters and prevented the meeting from being convened.

The council has to decide whether or not to approve a tentative settlement of the longest strike in the UMW's history and all the signs are that it will reject the proposed settlement which Mr. Miller has recommended.

Until it comes to a decision, however, the coal industry contract talks are paralysed.

It was unclear this morning why Mr. Miller had asked the bargaining council to meet informally and what the agenda of the meeting will be assuming the union's decision to respond to the call. There is little doubt that some of the union president's enemies are

trying to exploit the upheavals over the tentative strike settlement in the hope of forcing Mr. Miller's resignation.

Administration officials close to the talks find the prospect of Mr. Miller's resignation almost as worrying as the current anarchy within the union, which is blocking any movement to a settlement.

They say that Mr. Miller's resignation would leave a vacuum at the top of the mine workers' union in the middle of the negotiations, with no obvious candidate to fill it who could rally union officials and rank and file members and move the union firmly in the direction of an agreement with the coal companies.

In the meantime electricity companies in several regions including Ohio and Indiana have issued warnings that during the coming week they will have to curtail supplies and there are forecasts that thousands of workers will have to be laid off by industries affected.

There are fears that the latest setback in the coal negotiations means that even if there was a rapid settlement this week it would be March before coal supplies began to flow. UMW miners produce about half the nation's coal.

Eastern Airlines has good look at Airbus

BY JOHN WYLES

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.

AIRBUS INDUSTRY'S prospects of selling a significant number of its A300 Airbus in the U.S. hinge on a vital decision to be made by Eastern Airlines in the next few weeks.

Although some other factors may take precedence, the outcome of the French general election could be an influence on the Eastern Airlines' board. The possibility of a left-wing victory has already cost the aircraft's manufacturers three sales to Western airlines, which is believed to have backed out of a deal last year partly because of the French political situation.

Eastern has since been operating four of the Airbus in a six-months no-cost lease. If it places a sizeable order the Airbus will then be a credible candidate for a share of the \$800m which U.S. airlines are expected to spend on new aircraft during the 1980s.

The Airbus industry consortium of German, French, Spanish, Dutch and British manufacturers says it needs to sell 350 aircraft in order to break even on the project. So far 43 have been delivered and options and orders taken for a further 88.

In spite of the manufacturers' optimism, there are no real signs that the Airbus is about to crack the American market.

Eastern is still cagey about its intentions, although it is being very complimentary about the Airbus, saying that it is operating well and has been favourably received by its passengers.

Some analysts have expressed the view that Eastern will eventually buy 15 of the A300 while other manufacturers may place orders for no more than 10 over the next three years. This is almost certainly less than the Airbus manufacturers are hoping for.

For all the aircraft's technical attractions, the widely held view is that its current design is not ideal for the U.S. market. The two versions of the aircraft, the B2 and the B4, have a range of 1,500 and 2,500 miles respectively. The 1,500-mile range is said to be too short for many of the U.S. trunk airlines, while the 2,500-mile range is more appropriate but an aircraft with a payload of 230 is just too large.

Inquiries among the major airlines reveal that all are full of technical admiration for the A300 and that the aircraft fulfils its requirements.

Italy proposals awaited

BY DOMINICK J. COYLE

ROME, Feb. 12

A SHORT TERM economic recovery programme for Italy and an "emergency plan" which would be guaranteed by the Communist Party have been accepted into an explicit Parliamentary majority.

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Tribunal on clashes agreed in Lebanon

By Ihsan Hiji

BEIRUT, Feb. 12.

A JOINT Syrian-Lebanese military tribunal is being set up to try those who may be found responsible for provoking the clashes over the past few days between Syrian troops of the Arab peace-keeping force, which number about 30,000, and right-wing elements of the Lebanese army, who were backed by Christian militiamen.

The decision to form the court was a compromise reached yesterday at intensive talks between Lebanese and Syrian leaders. Mr. Abdel Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister, led the Syrian side to the talks. He was accompanied by Vice Air Marshal Naji Jamil, the air force commander and a key political figure.

President Elias Sarkis officiated at the negotiations, in which Lebanon's three top right-wing Christian leaders took part, led by former President Camille Chamoun.

The compromise has injected an uneasy calm into the overall situation after four days of heavy clashes which claimed the lives of more than 150 people. A large number of the casualties were among Syrian soldiers who were picked off by Christian snipers.

There is scepticism in various quarters that the compromise will really solve the crisis. An open letter addressed to President Hafez Assad of Syria today in the daily Al-Ahram, which represents the views of the Right-wing of the Phalange party, revealed how seriously the relationship has deteriorated between Damascus and the Lebanese Christians—alleged during the latter part of the civil war.

Cambodians abduct Thai villagers

By Richard Nations

BANGKOK, Feb. 12.

OVER 300 Thai villagers were abducted by a combined force of Cambodian troops and Thai Communist insurgents during a series of clashes over the weekend near the Cambodian border in north-east Thailand. Thai provincial police have reported.

The abduction—by far the largest incident along this frontier, which has been troubled by two years of chronic border clashes and village raids—came less than a fortnight after Dr. Upadit Pichayangkul, the Thai Foreign Minister, returned from a goodwill mission to normalise relations with Phnom Penh. He reported that the Khmer Deputy Premier, Ing Sary, personally reassured him that "we have no reason whatsoever to provoke any dispute along the border."

The verbal agreements Dr. Upadit then reached with the Cambodians to exchange ambassadors and resume trade were accompanied by another: "That both sides would try their best to preserve peace along the border" (in Dr. Upadit's words).

Meanwhile, Thai reinforcements were sent to Namyuen district of Ubon Ratchathani province where the attacking force from Cambodia estimated at near 100 "well-organised men" first struck Paed-un village last Thursday.

Finland may follow Norway devaluation

BY WILLIAM DUFFORCE

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 12.

FINLAND is likely to follow the devaluation pressure but his 8 per cent devaluation of the Norwegian krona, announced that he was now ready to consider last Friday. But no further side devaluing.

On Friday the Finnish government, announcing a 100m. (€1m.) supplementary budget to combat soaring unemployment, reported that the budget deficit would reach Fmk5.5bn this year. A large part will have to be financed through foreign loans.

The Norwegian government yesterday followed the devaluation with a price freeze. The like the Norwegians, partially discount rate has been raised to one per cent and Mr. Kierpe, the Finance Minister, promised further measures to restrain price rises, hold down private consumption and cut domestic credit.

Within the ruling coalition the Minister, announced after a week-end would not leave the European comment by their leader, Mr. Arvo Saarni, suggested that the Norwegian devaluation had not changed their minds. Government to have favoured with nor Kolvisio has also resisted devaluing.

Soares plans approved

BY JIMMY BURNS

LISBON, Feb. 12.

PORTUGAL'S second constitutional government won parliamentary approval by a majority vote at dawn today for its programme of strict austerity measures. The programme, which aims at reducing the country's crippling balance of payments deficit—now standing at about \$1.3bn.—may lead to the resumption of negotiations with the International Monetary Fund for a \$750m. loan, here next month.

After nearly five days of heated debate, the Socialist and the Christian Democrats (CDS) and the CDS have a majority of 133 votes in the 230-member assembly. The Socialist party, who disapproved of the government of alliance with the CDS, had 100 votes.

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Muzorewa wins backing of his party over Rhodesia talks

BY TONY HAWKINS

SALISBURY, Feb. 12.

BISHOP Abel Muzorewa today won the full backing of 380 delegates to the United African National Council Party Congress on his stand against separate voting rolls in a new constitution for Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

Speaking to newsmen after the UANC's day-long emergency congress on Rhodesian constitutional issues, the Bishop reiterated his stand against separate voting rolls and to make matters worse—warned that even if this problem had been solved the even more crucial issue of the composition of the armed forces remained to be tackled before there could be a signing ceremony. The Bishop's comments suggest that the hopes expressed by the two other black nationalist groups taking part in the talks—the African National Council (ANC) and Zimbabwe United People's Organisation (ZUPO)—that there would be a formal signing ceremony tomorrow of an agreement in principle, have been thoroughly dashed.

Rhodesian Government sources have been pessimistic about any change in the Bishop's stance and have played down the nationalists' reports that a signing was imminent. The Bishop refused to disclose his party's position on the stalled talks.

Bishop Muzorewa said the conference to-day had passed a vote of confidence in the UANC negotiating team and given it a fresh mandate to continue the search for a negotiated agreement.

"I have got the message from the masses," he said, adding "I'm expecting that they (the other parties to the talks) will accept it."

The Bishop claimed that if the present talks collapsed he had other alternatives to turn to, though he declined to say what these were.

The view from Salisbury is that the four parties will manage to negotiate some form of compromise agreement on the issue of the method of election for the white MPs—possibly a reduction in the number of whites—but the issue of the security forces could be a major stumbling block.

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Commonwealth regional meeting gathers

BY KENNETH RANDALL

SYDNEY, Feb. 12.

PARTICIPANTS in tomorrow's first regional meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government have assembled here this week-end in an atmosphere marked by the distinct uncertainty about the point or potential worth of the exercise.

Twelve Heads of Government, nearly 400 officials, and about 200 journalists are involved, and as usual for such occasions about 90 per cent of the extensive final communiqué is already written. The degree of real substance in that final 10 per cent, will be the key judgments about whether the regional initiative is taken up and expanded within the Commonwealth association.

The role of officials will be kept to a minimum. Personal contacts among the Heads of Government will be maximised and the Press will be largely excluded. In this way it is hoped to find a worthwhile range of common interests sufficient at least to overshadow the real enough differences between several members of the grouping.

The question for this week's meeting in Sydney may well be whether the Commonwealth can provide the rationale for any sort of coherent regional grouping amid so many other regional political pressures.

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WORLD TRADE NEWS

Carter rejects restraint advice on nuts and bolts

BY DAVID BELL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.

IN A SURPRISE decision, President Carter has turned down the U.S. Trade Representative's recommendation that the U.S. should impose higher tariffs on imports of metal fasteners.

Mr. Carter said late on Friday that higher tariffs on nuts, bolts and screws, as proposed by the U.S. International Trade Commission, would add to inflation, and was "probably unnecessary, because the recent rise in the value of the yen was already making Japanese fastener imports less attractive." Japan accounts for about two-thirds of the \$800m. a year import business.

Mr. Robert Strauss, the President's special trade representative, is understood to have strongly urged the President to provide the domestic fastener industry with to override Mr. Carter.

He added that he regretted the President's position, "which ignores domestic problems and the growing clamour for restrictive action." Congressman Robert Giannone, chairman of the House Budget Committee, said: "This will not make it easier to hold back the Congressional forces of protectionism which have turned ugly."

But the representatives of the Japanese steel importers in New York expressed delight at the decision. They noted that 35 per cent of the metal fasteners imported into the U.S. are imported by other U.S. steel manufacturers. There are some 130 producers of metal fasteners in the U.S., and their spokesmen have claimed that some 25 per cent of their workforce has been laid off because of competition from overseas.

U.K. opposes pulp dumping complaint

By Max Wilkinson

THE U.K. paper and board industry is to oppose a French Government complaint against the alleged dumping in Europe of North American pulp.

The French Government agreed to pursue the complaint which was raised by French pulp producers, seriously alarmed by the current fall in prices. French pulp production in 1978 was 1.7m. tonnes compared with 1.3m. tonnes imported.

The main concern is over the imports of North American bleached sulphate pulp used for fine papers. Part of the reason for the low cost of American pulp is that wood costs are about half the average in Europe. The British Paper and Board Industry Federation has decided that it will not support the French complaint because it does not want pulp prices to be increased.

The majority of sulphate pulp used in U.K. mills has to be imported. Profits are therefore squeezed between the world pulp price and the prices that can be charged for finished paper. The Federation believes it unlikely that a rise in pulp prices would be adequately reflected in a rise of paper prices. The effect would therefore be to reduce the already small margins of U.K. mills.

Matsushita goes for bigger share of U.S. facsimile market

BY DOUGLAS RAMSEY

TOKYO, Feb. 12.

MATSUSHITA, Japan's leading facsimile manufacturer which claims between 30 per cent. and 40 per cent. of the world market, will soon launch a new drive in the American market.

It will do so by selling its second generation facsimile machines under its own Panafax brand in the U.S. Until now, some 30,000 Matsushita machines have been sold under the 3M label and taken over 30 per cent. of the U.S. market. Last summer, Matsushita set up a joint venture in New York called Panafax Corporation with Visual Science Inc. to market under the Japanese company's own label. Meanwhile, Matsushita has driven the last nail into its agreement with 3M company which itself will stay in the market after acquiring the facsimile division of a U.S. manufacturer.

News of Panafax Corporation's plan to market the second generation machines this spring in the U.S. surfaced at the Tokyo release of new models for the Japanese market some of which have been modified to meet CITT (International) standards for overseas markets. Matsushita hopes first to put its two to three minute transmission machines using an electrostatic recording system on the U.S. market before introducing the more advanced models revealed last week which move into 20-second transmission and PPC (plain paper copy) or thermal recording systems.

Japanese sources estimate that about 260,000 facsimile machines for office use have been installed

worldwide. Of this, the U.S. accounts for about 130,000 units, Japan 90,000 units and Western Europe about 40,000 installed machines. Matsushita's decision to concentrate its efforts in the American market is therefore not surprising.

In Europe, Matsushita facsimile machines are sold under the Plessey label by the British company. Matsushita says this arrangement will continue although there may be some decision to have Plessey market the newest range of models under the Panafax label as well.

The facsimile business is still at a relatively nascent stage, although some experts reckon the Japanese industry is already overpowered with about 20 makers. Apart from Matsushita, the only Japanese exporter so far is Ricoh, which sells in Europe under the Infotec brand, and is Japan's leading copying machine manufacturer. Ricoh is particularly known for its high speed machines, and the new models put on show by Matsushita last week go some way to close the gap with Ricoh by offering a much wider range of facsimile systems. In the past, for instance, Matsushita has concentrated on its Panafax 1000 and 2000 models for marketing in the U.S. under the 3M label. Both lines have now been discontinued.

The prices in Japan of the new Panafax machines range from Yen 5.5m. (£10,000) for the UF-205 which transmits and receives simultaneously if

desired in 20 seconds, to the less costly (at £3,000) new Panafax 6000. The latter is a desktop facsimile transceiver using the new PPC recording system which lets the user employ untreated paper. This reduces the operating costs from normal existing systems which require specially-treated paper for the electrostatic or thermal recording systems.

In the Japanese market, Matsushita has a 50-70 per cent. share for installed facsimile machines, with Ricoh in second place. In the U.S. market, Matsushita is also ahead of Ricoh, but remains far behind Xerox which claims about 40 per cent. of the market. At the very least, Matsushita now hopes to pull away from Graphic Science, a specialised company, which like Matsushita now commands about 30 per cent. of U.S. sales.

Panafax Corporation will also capitalise on Matsushita's unique position as a supplier of specialised facsimile systems for industrial rather than office use (in broadcasting, police work, etc.).

Matsushita is working on a process called Pagefax for the high speed transmission of a full newspaper page. This uses a laser system to make a printing plate directly without having to go through the laborious process of transmitting the copy on to negative film which is then used for printing the plate. The company hopes to announce a prototype laser Pagefax in the near future.

UAE £100m. telephone expansion planned

By John Lloyd

EMIRTEL, the telephone company for the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is about to approve a large spending programme to extend its telephone network. A Board meeting this week will decide on the level of investment, which is thought to be upwards of £100m.

Expansion of the network, which currently carries 62,000 lines, is proceeding rapidly. The company hopes to have a network of 124,000 lines by the end of this year, a result of last year's spending programme.

Earlier reports that the company was about to issue a tender for a large turnkey contract worth around £300m. were firmly discounted last week by Mr. Geoffrey Downer, the general manager of Emirtel.

"This will not be anything like the Saudi Arabian contract (worth over £1bn.). We will keep control of expansion in our investment, and let out contracts bit by bit."

Emirtel's switching equipment is largely made up of Pentax exchanges, manufactured in the U.K. by Plessey. The company is 60 per cent. owned by the UAE Government, and 40 per cent. owned by Cable and Wireless, the U.K. state-owned telecommunications contractor.

Poland to boost Soviet trade to offset Western protectionism

BY CHRISTOPHER SOBINSKI

WARSAW, Feb. 12.

RECENT ARTICLES in the Polish Press criticising Western protectionist policies, reflecting growing anxiety among the Polish authorities for prospects of increasing hard currency earnings and a growing determination to focus on the Soviet market for future trade.

In one article, Mr. Stanislaw Jurgiel, Polish vice-foreign minister, accused the West of "hampering the development of the Socialist countries and thus of prospective importers." He specifically mentioned the recently introduced EEC steel import restrictions and tariffs on textile, leather and glass goods imports.

While noting that "it is necessary that everyone should be aware that we are condemned to operate, which from the point of view of detente lies in every basic interests" he stressed as the most effective defence against protectionism is "further development of the integration of the Socialist countries."

It is significant that these pronouncements come just after Polish Premier Piotr Jaruzelski's two-day high level visit to the Soviet Union. Despite the

fact that the visit came after the signing of trade protocol for 1978, which foresees a 17 per cent. rise in mutual trade turnover to 6.7bn. zlotys, the recent Moscow talks covered ways of increasing trade both this year and in the period up till 1980.

Raw materials supplies played an important role in the talks. One decision taken was that Polish labour and equipment will participate in future pipeline construction in the Soviet Union in return for additional supplies of oil and gas, following the pattern set by the Orenburg and Novopolok projects. Another was for additional Soviet supplies of mining machinery in return for extra supplies of coal. Poland is already planning to export 8.5m. tons to the Soviet Union this year.

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Export credits arranged for Irish alumina plant

BY MARGARET HUGHES

EXPORT CREDIT financing has been arranged in the U.K. for the £280m. alumina plant on the West coast of Ireland which Alcan Aluminium is now going ahead with in partnership with Royal Dutch/Shell's Billiton subsidiary and Atlantic Richfield's Amoco company.

The export credits are being provided jointly by a syndicate of U.K. banks led by the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD), which are offering £80m., and the Export Development Corporation (EDC), Canada which is supplying 30m. The financing, which has no co-ordinated by Morgan Grenfell, is unusual in that it is split between two single agreements.

Although two different countries are providing the funds, according to ECGD this method is suggested by the Canadians in practice it has simplified considerably the documentation involved.

The U.K. element of the export credits is being financed in rising despite the Government's recent ruling that buyer credits should now be financed

in foreign currencies. This ECGD claims, is because the funds had been committed to the project when it was first announced several years ago, long before the new ruling.

Alcan originally put forward proposals for the Irish alumina plant in 1974, with two Scandinavian partners but shelved the project the following year because of the world economic recession and slump in aluminium demand. But at the end of last year, after original partners had dropped out, Alcan resurrected the project by announcing that it would go ahead with two new partners to set up an 800,000 tonnes a year plant at Aughinish Island near Limerick which would be on stream in 1982. The investment in the project will be £280m. compared with the £100m. envisaged originally and Alcan will have a 40 per cent. stake instead of the 70 per cent. it had previously. The financial package for the project is expected to involve a Eurobond issue of around \$200m. together with local development grants as well as the export credits and the equity capital provided by the three partners.

Fiat 127 holds lead

BY PAUL BETTS

ROME, Feb. 12.

THE fifth consecutive year Fiat's "127" model was the best widely sold car in Western Europe last year, the Turin company reports.

The company said some 453,300 "127s" were sold in Europe last year, of which 243,000 in Italy, some 22,700 in West Germany and 16,801 in Britain, according to the Turin group, its main car sales in Britain now represented about 5 per cent. of the market, while in Europe as a whole Fiat currently controlled about 5.5 per cent. of the market, a company hopes to increase presence in Europe to between 6.5 and 7 per cent.

son of the "127" fared better in Italy than the higher 1050cc version which was more popular in other European markets, the company said.

Since March, 1971, when the "127" was launched, more than 2m. models have been built in Italy and some 750,000 in Spain. At the end of 1973, the Fiat 127 overtook the Volkswagen "Beetle" as "Europe's most popular car," the Italian company claimed.

Last year Fiat attempted to step up production of the "127" to meet increased orders but it was blocked by a labour dispute on Fiat's request for overtime work on the "127" assembly line.

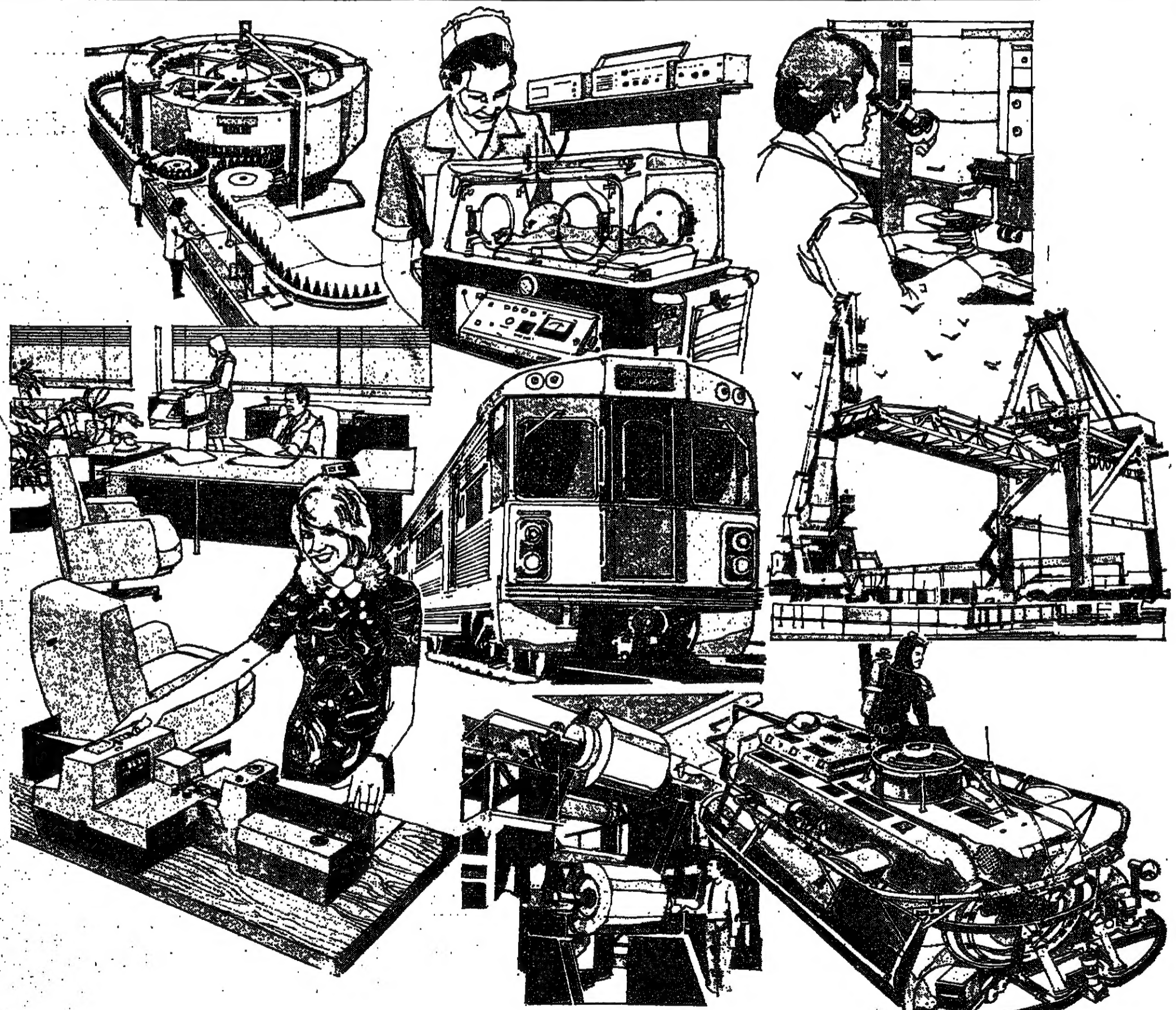
CONTRACTS

Siemens has signed a DM220m. contract in Buenos Aires with Argentine telephone authority Empresa Nacional de Telecomunicaciones (ENTEL) for supplying sales of equipment to Argentina's telephone system.

Concast has received an order worth over \$w.fr.s.3.5m. from the Venezuelan company Siderurgica del Turbio, for a continuous casting installation for the Barquisimeto steelworks west of Caracas. All electrical equipment will be supplied by the Brown Boveri group.

World Economic Indicators

RETAIL PRICE INDICES				% Change over earlier	Index base year
	Jan. 78	Dec. 77	Nov. 77		
Germany	143.4	142.3	142.3	+ 2.3	1970 = 100
France	189.4	188.2	188.2	+ 9.0	1970 = 100
Italy	184.4	187.4	184.5	+ 12.1	1974 = 100
Spain	125.25	124.76	124.31	+ 4.3	1975 = 100
Japan	185.3	185.4	185.3	+ 5.4	1967 = 100
U.K.	126.7	124.1	122.5	+ 14.9	1967 = 100
U.S.	184.1	185.4	184.5	+ 4.6	1967 = 100



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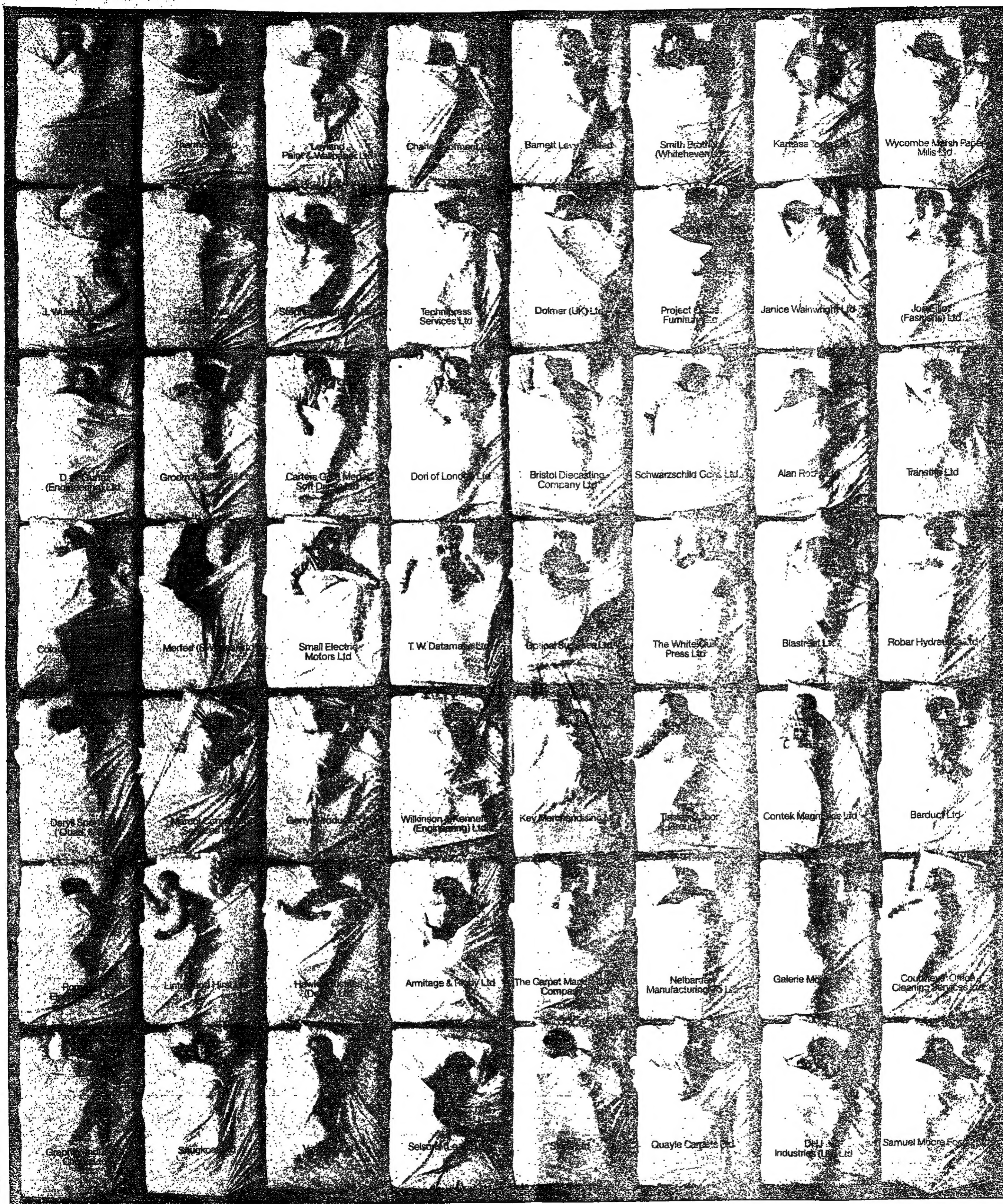


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Technical Page

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ENERGY

Beaming power from huge satellites

DWARFING the Apollo man in the moon programme, a project to build huge solar power capture platforms which would beam energy from space to earth has been outlined to President Carter's science adviser, Dr. Frank Press, by the Boeing Aircraft Corporation which has been working on the idea for some ten years.

Studies have been carried out for the Energy Research and Development Association along the lines of such power beam satellites by Arthur D. Little and these have done a great deal to dispel initial sheer disbelief that such units could be built or made to function, or beam power to earth with out frying everyone in airplanes which pass through the beam.

Boeing's concept would require the establishment of "orbiting factories" housing up to 500 operatives to build the vast solar panels needed for the satellites which would be 18 km long and 6.5 km across.

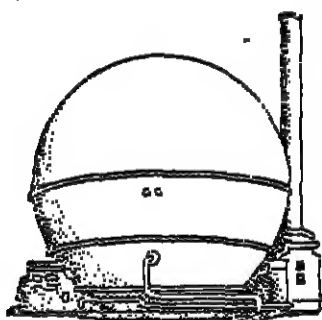
Materials would be ferried up to the factory by unmanned space freighters similar to the shuttle which is now under test. Assembly would take place in low orbit and once the station had been completed it would be propelled by on-board engines into a geostationary orbit 35,000 km above the earth's surface.

Wind turbine efficiency

A NEW technique to increase the efficiency of wind turbines has been perfected by Dr. Ozer Iqbal, of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel. By surrounding an ordinary wind turbine with a shroud or duct, power output can be trebled, and the shroud eliminates the need for having the turbine facing straight into the wind.

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HANDLING

Conveyor sorts the parcels

FROM THE Dutch conveyor manufacturer, Rapistan Lande, comes a computer controlled sorting system said to be capable of the automatic distribution of up to 500 collection points of large quantities of packages of varied size, shape and weight, at speeds up to 100 metres/min.

Called the Triplaner, the conveyor/sorter has applications in sorting postal packages, baggage handling at airports, and in warehousing.

The conveyor is made of rubber slats or track sections, which tilt to discharge the package at its programmed station. Chain driven, the overlapping slats enable the conveyor to turn corners, and rise and fall, without discontinuity.

Details from the U.K. office, Floor 4, Edinboro House, New Street, Birmingham B3 3EW (021-236 8571).

PACKAGING

Front and side marker

AUTOMATIC FRONT and side marking of a carton can be carried out in one pass with the latest coder from Lawtons of Liverpool, an Oxford Group company.

Friction driven by the passing carton, the marker is intended for installation on a production line. There are three models, all with a 15-inch long printing area, but with print heights of 1, 1.5 and 3 inches. Maximum reach round the front of the carton is 7 inches, before printing along the side. Front only printing can be carried out.

According to the maker, up to 100,000 impressions can be obtained on plain paper or board from the pre-inked microprocessor roller. The ink is non-toxic. The only maintenance is said to be an occasional spot of oil, and changing the ink-impregnated roller.

More from the maker at 60 Vauxhall Road, Liverpool L69 3AU (051-227 1212).

METALWORKING

High speed flanging machine

DEVELOPED JOINTLY by Appleboro Shipbuilders (part of British Shipbuilders), and Foss and Young, of Gravesend, is a machine which can hot-form flanges on mild steel pipes from 1 1/2 to 6 inch bore within two minutes.

The new machine is now flanging some 90 per cent. of the pipework in this size range for the six ships built each year by Appleboro. The company says it has proved a worthwhile investment and has successfully flanged lower grades of tube which are prone to splitting.

The idea of heating, expanding, and turning the end of a pipe to form an integral flange is not new—the completed joint is called the Vastone or rolled joint.

On the Foss and Young machine, loose backing rings are slipped on to the pipe, then each end is turned and clamped in the machine by means of an electrically expanded with a conical die and finished with a square ended die. After manual facing, the loose backing rings are bolted together with a gasket in the usual way.

The joint configuration, which conforms with BS 4504, has gained the approval of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, Det Norske Veritas and Bureau Veritas.

Although Appleboro is using the machine only for low pressure pipework, the company says that tests have shown that the joints will withstand high pressure. A 4 inch bore pipe with an inch thick rubber gasket has been tested to 1,400 psi.

The compact machine is operated by two men (one skilled, one unskilled), and the door-to-door time is inside two minutes for any size in the range. A model for pipes up to 8 inch bore is available. Tool changing for different sizes takes 20 minutes. Apart from inserting and removing the pipe, all stages in the process are push-button operated from a central console. Heating time is pre-set on an automatic adjustable timer.

Operation is hydraulic, powered by 7.5 kW self-contained unit from Vickers Division Sperry Rand. Ram pressure is 100 tons on the 6 inch machine and 140 tons on the 8 inch.

Several advantages are claimed for the method. Fabrication costs are reduced because tack and finish welding is eliminated. Backing rings and gaskets are cheaper. Installation cost is reduced because bolt hole misalignment is eliminated.

Main alternative to hot-forming is to friction weld a flange on the pipe. A method investigated by the British Ship Research Association.

It is understood that apart from difficulties with shop floor acceptance, the friction welding machines were more expensive than hot forming counterparts, although production time was much shorter.

While the hot forming machines are priced at £25,000 (6 inch) and £34,000 (8 inch), it is believed that a friction welding machine for 4 inch bore pipe would cost in the region of £20,000.

Details from Foss and Young Engineering, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2PT (0474 636211).

TONY FRANCE

BATTERIES

Double-life button cells

WITH an eye mainly on the hearing aid and electronic watch market, the \$150m. turnover Gould Inc. is poised to market zinc-air button cells in the U.K. following a successful launch in the U.S. last November. Similar plans are being activated in several other European countries and it is planned to make a decision about a European factory in the late spring.

According to portable battery division general manager Carl Zies, there is "a 95 per cent. chance" that if the plant is set up, it will be in the U.K.

Main advantage of the new cells is that they offer about twice the capacity of mercury or silver oxide devices, but only in continuous usage applications. Once a protective tape is removed to allow air to enter, the cell will deteriorate whether it is used or not.

The zinc-air couple dates to the 19th century, the first practical devices appearing in the 1930s, and in 1972 an abortive attempt was made to market cylindrical cells by a company called Energy Conversion.

Backed by GKN, NRDC and British Ropes, this was set up basically to exploit spin-off in air electrode technique resulting from defunct NRDC-backed fuel cell work. The result was a "torch-battery" size cell which was on the market for about 13 months, at which point GKN, majority shareholders, concluded that both military (it was to have been used in Clandestine and civil market demand were too

small. Energy Conversion ceased trading in 1974 and its technical director, Dr. Hans Espig, promptly departed for the U.S. to join none other but Gould Inc.

Gould's first approach in the U.K. is, it is understood, to the Department of Health and Social Security which supplies hearing aid batteries through the National Health Service.

The company's main task is to convince DHSS that the double capacity, set off against whatever price is agreed, will make the use of zinc-air worthwhile. The cells also offer less transportation cost in distribution (they are consumed at a lower rate), flatter discharge voltage characteristic, no environmental hazard (in comparison with mercury) and a good shelf life (2 per cent. capacity loss in first year is claimed).

A strong hint has come from Gould that the decision to set up a plant in the U.K. will very much depend on the outcome of the DHSS tendering later this year.

Apart from this the company is looking at the private hearing aid market, thought to be about one-fifth of the NHS value, and at the liquid crystal watch original equipment business.

A number of watch makers are known to be extremely interested in the zinc air cell because, with modern LCD units, because of the battery will last the life of the watch itself—up to five years

is quoted by Gould, although it is not endorsed by one major U.K. battery maker.

One problem might be the availability of oxygen for the cell through the watch's own sealing ring, although Gould claims this can be overcome with Teflon seals that could even be arranged to supply just the right amount of gas for maximum life with the current consumption involved. For the replacement market it plans to sell the rings with the battery.

The reaction of the U.K. battery industry to Gould's plans is "wait and see." Ever Ready, it is known, has acquired several of the Energy Conversion patents from GKN but has no plans to manufacture.

The general view is that the market is too small to make it worthwhile and that health service markets are difficult to make much profit from. Chloride also has a zinc air project in the laboratories but seems unlikely to manufacture small cells. A small outlet has existed for some years in large units for railway signalling and cattle fence energisation.

A reasonable assumption is that Gould is seeking an initial market foothold in terms of batteries in general—it has been making similar announcements about zero maintenance lead-acid types.

In both cases it is supported by a large market base in the U.S., which might well be the key to its success.

GEORGE CHARLISH

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Four-function typewriter

INTENDED to be operated by a typist without special training, and aimed particularly at the small business market, the Adler T420 Compact offers four functions in one machine—standard office typewriter; automatic typing; invoicing; calculating and analysis.

Mr. Henri La Costa, managing director of Adler Business Systems U.K., says that he expects the machine to have the same impact on the typewriter market as the electronic calculator had on electro-mechanical adding machines.

The machine is controlled by a microprocessor, which automates many typewriter functions, such as character spacing, paper feed, heading centring etc. A random access memory with a 1,000 character capacity allows auto-typing of sentences, paragraphs and complete letters.

Triumph-Adler, Nurnberg, Germany, which makes the machine, will market in the U.K. through Adler Business Computers, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the British company Office and Electronic Machines, 140, Borough High Street, London SE1 1LH. Price of the T420 Compact with one program is £2,750.

MATERIALS

Fast cure printing ink

TWO MONOMERS and a fully reacted aliphatic urethane acrylic are contained in an ink base developed by Synthetic Resins. Addition of a photo initiator converts the base to an ultraviolet light curable system.

In this condition, curing speeds in excess of 800 ft/min. can be achieved for thicknesses of two and ten mils on a variety of materials, including tin plate, polyethylene lined board and Thames white lined chipboard.

The aliphatic base, more expensive than the usual aromatic base, is stated to have superior light fastness and is less likely to fade or yellow. There are no toxic components, and the material does not string or mist at high speed.

More from the maker at Frodsham House, Edwards Lane, Speke, Liverpool L24 9HR (051-458 3922).

NOTICE

TO HOLDERS OF KING RESOURCES CAPITAL CORP., N.V. 5 1/4% DEBENTURES GUARANTEED BY KING RESOURCES COMPANY AND DETACHED INTEREST COUPONS

All holders of 5-3/4% Convertible Subordinated Debentures (Debentures) guaranteed by King Resources Company due 1988 and Interest Coupons detached from the Debentures (the Detached Coupons) must now under the Orders issued by the United States District Court in the District of Colorado (Reorganization Court) exchange their Debentures or Detached Coupons for stock and cash in the reorganized company, Phoenix Resources Company, The United Bank of Denver, Corporate Trust Department-0075, Post Office Box 5028, Denver, Colorado 80217, has been named as the Exchange Agent, and your Debenture or Detached Coupons should be promptly presented to the Exchange Agent for conversion.

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12/1/71 coupon only	0	0	\$9.46

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For further information, your inquiries should be directed to the United Bank of Denver, Corporate Trust Department-0075, Post Office Box 5028, Denver, Colorado 80217, or Charles A. Baer, Trustee, 1000 American National Bank Building, 17th and Stout Streets, Denver, Colorado 80202.

Charles A. Baer, Trustee in the Matter of King Resources Company, Debtor, in Proceedings for Reorganization of a Corporation No. 71-B-2521, United States District Court for the District of Colorado

RESEARCH

Centre to aid industry

FACILITIES AND expertise covering all aspects of the development and evaluation of non-metallic materials and products and components made from them are available at Yarsley Technical Centre (YTEC), Trowers Way, Redhill, Surrey RH1 2JN (0737 65070).

A wholly owned subsidiary of the Fulmer Research Institute, YTEC was formed from the amalgamation of Yarsley Testing Laboratories and Yarsley Polymer Engineering Centre. It has a multi-disciplinary staff of 60, and can also call on the facilities of a number of other companies.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Shows state of rooms

DEVELOPED by British Relay (Electronics) is the Mk 3 Hotel Room Management System which provides a number of services for rooms and also shows their status.

The hotel receptionist uses a numerical keyboard to key in room numbers to determine their status, shown on a central panel by means of a matrix of green light emitting diode displays which are either on, off or flashing. The signals indicate whether a room is vacated but requires cleaning, and awaited messages can be dealt with.

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Building and Civil Engineering

Massive hospital job £150m. power complex goes to Hall

NORTH £13.65m., the contract for Phase II of the Inverness Central Hospital project at Raigmore has been won by Alexander Hall and Sons (Builders).

The company, which is a member of the Aberdeen Construction Group, has taken the contract from the Highland Health Board. The contract is the largest single award so far received by Aberdeen Construction Group. The new department is important in that it is helping the Aberdeen Construction Group to maintain what is described as a "good level of employment" in the construction of Phase I of this project which was completed in time for an opening in 1970.

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SEVEN international groups have been competing for the design contract for the vast Turkish Ilisu dam and hydro-electric power complex and a British-led consortium of consulting engineers has won the prize. The 130 metre high dam is on the Tigris near Diyarbakir and with the 120MW power station it is to drive will cost at least £150m. when the contracts are awarded in about two years' time.

The consortium is led by Binnie and Partners and includes Kennedy and Donkin and James Williamson and Partners in the U.K., Ciba de Lishon and Gubali Consulting Engineers of Ankara.

It is understood that application may be made to the World Bank for finance and that the project will take from four to five years to complete.

WATES Special Works has been awarded negotiated contracts by two London boroughs for rehabilitation of housing.

At Hornsey Rise, in the Borough of Islington, homes for 172 people will be provided in 52 modernised dwellings following the conversion of 22 late Victorian three-storey houses. This work will cost £400,000.

The other contract involves ten terraced houses at Olivette Street, near Putney, Bridge for the Borough of Wandsworth. This £185,000 contract entails demolition of rear extensions, building of new walls and the overhaul of roofs.

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Big orders for steelwork

CLEVELAND Bridge and Engineering has won an order valued at over £5m. for the fabrication of some 4,500 tonnes of steelwork for desalination plants being supplied by Weir West-

earth of Glasgow to the Dubai Aluminium Company for the new aluminium smelter complex at Jebel Ali, Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

Fabrication of 44 steel modules for the first stage of the desalination plant project is required. Each module is a rectangular box 15 metres wide by 5 metres long and 5 metres high and consists of carbon steel stiffened by structural ribs on the exterior only.

Each box will weigh about 100 tonnes and contain around ten tonnes of stainless steel fittings. The work will be carried out at both the Darlington works and Port Clarence shops of Cleveland Bridge and the modules shipped direct from the Port Clarence yard of Cleveland's Teesside plant.

The desalination plant complex has been engineered so that capacity can be extended as further requirements arise as a result of the intensive industrial development which is taking place in the area. Cleveland Bridge is currently engaged in developing its Middle East automated fabrication and steel preparation plant in Jebel Ali.

More big orders for steel, totalling about 3,000 tonnes and valued at £2m, have gone to the S. W. Farmer Group. Three separate contracts are involved.

Two of the contracts are for the petro-chemical industry. One is for the supply of over 1,000 tonnes of structural steel for a new caustic chlorine plant for Imperial Chemical Industries in Wilton, Teesside, and another for the Mobil Oil Refinery in Coryton, Essex, for which Farmer is supplying 1,200 tonnes of steel to be used in the construction of a vacuum unit, alkylation unit, and process link-up structures.

The third contract is in connection with a new detergent plant in the Middle East. The origin of this order has not been disclosed but is understood to be a package deal involving the design, supply, shipment and construction of a plant building involving 650 tonnes of steel.

Contracts worth over £11m. have been awarded to Shepherd Construction.

The three most valuable contracts, each worth between £1m. and £2m., include an office block for Milton Keynes Development Corporation, military accommodation at Hereford and alterations and additions to buildings at Deben airfield.

Also in Milton Keynes, buildings are to be provided for the Open University for data processing, general offices and shops in the North of England, quarters for married soldiers and married

officers at Harrogate, redevelopment of premises in Piccadilly, Manchester, 90 dwellings for the Teesside Housing Society at Eaglescliffe, Cleveland, and 79 dwellings for the Harrogate Housing Association will provide a further £21m. of work.

Additional contracts worth £1.7m. are for factories in South Wales for the Welsh Development Agency, a retail store in Bulwell, Nottingham, for the Nottingham Co-operative Society, a cold store at Coathbridge, near Glasgow, for Rowntree Mackintosh, and a leisure centre in Brighton for Coral Squash Club.

UNDER three contracts to be carried out by Sir Alfred McAlpine and Son (Southern), the company is bringing in work worth not far from £4m.

By the biggest is an award in the region of £3.2m. for Telford Development Corporation in cover the construction of 201 houses, 46 bungalows, 65 flats and eight maisonettes.

Traditional timber framed construction is to be used and the company is required to provide external works and drainage. Completion is due in 24 months.

For Thomas Hill (Rotherham) the company is to carry out a £416,000 renovation job to provide greatly improved premises at Rotherham, factories in South Wales for the Welsh Development Agency, a retail store in Bulwell, Nottingham, for the Nottingham Co-operative Society, a cold store at Coathbridge, near Glasgow, for Rowntree Mackintosh, and a leisure centre in Brighton for Coral Squash Club.

MCB has placed the third job, worth £210,000, which is for extensive alterations for a run of mine stockpile scheme at Welbeck Colliery, Worksop, Notts.

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Fibreboard with low fire risk

TRI-WALL Containers has launched Firemarsh, a new, fire resistant fibreboard, suitable as a constructional material for exhibition stands, stage scenery, shop displays and general purpose partitioning.

Three years' research by Tri-Wall has produced a material meeting the requirements of such bodies as the GLC, NFF, Birmingham and the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The board also meets the British Standards Institute requirements for use as a fire-resistant constructional material, and is the first fibreboard to comply with BS476 part 5 and 7 to give both Class "0" protection and Class "1" spread of flame, as defined in the Building Regulations throughout its surface.

Tri-Wall claims that impregnated during manufacture with non-toxic, fire retardant chemicals — the formulation of which the company will not disclose — Firemarsh board has advantages over conventional materials such as hardboard, plasterboard, chipboard, plywood and asbestos in that it is considerably cheaper, far lighter and may be more easily worked, fabricated and bent to shape, using only the simplest of tools.

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Artist's impression of the new Preston hospital, phase two of which is now being completed by Henry Boot. Completion of the £7m. contract is expected early in 1980. Architects are Charles E. Pearson Son and Partners of Manchester, structural engineers are Ove Arup and quantity surveyors Rider Hunt and Partners.

Hospital in Dubai

WORK BEGINS this month on one of the first hospitals for the Arab world. It has been planned like a village, but with the necessary security. The buildings will be a single storey and fully air conditioned.

There will be a children's ward or ten; one ward for 35 female patients; two wards each for 25 male patients; and a protected area of individual rooms for ten, here will be a social centre comprising a multi-purpose hall, a library, meeting rooms and an indoor games room. The treatment rooms include facilities for occupational therapy.

The contract value of nearly £1m. includes provision of fixed and loose medical and other equipment. Successful tenderer for the main construction is the Eastern Contracting Co., Dubai, and the contract period is 22 months.

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ASSETS

Cash and due from banks	\$1,346,520,000
Investment securities	
U.S. Government obligations	327,671,000
State and municipal obligations	241,245,000
Other securities	10,515,000
	579,431,000
Trading account securities	5,977,000
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	135,274,000
Loans	3,065,174,000
Less:	
Unearned discount	23,569,000
Reserve for possible loan losses	32,705,000
	3,008,900,000
Premises, equipment and leasehold improvements, net	49,417,000
Customers' liability on acceptances	95,082,000
Excess of cost over fair value of net assets acquired, net	112,715,000
Other assets	74,036,000
Total assets	\$5,402,352,000

LIABILITIES

Due to customers:	
Demand	\$1,596,246,000
Savings and other time	1,031,710,000
Foreign offices	1,620,065,000
	4,248,021,000
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	312,935,000
Borrowed funds and other indebtedness	54,831,000
Acceptances outstanding	105,837,000
Accrued taxes and other expenses	44,559,000
Other liabilities	10,982,000
Capital notes payable	95,000,000
Floating rate notes payable to shareholders	25,000,000

SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Capital stock, \$100 par value:	
Authorized 700,000 shares	
Issued and outstanding 600,000 shares	60,000,000
Surplus	93,896,000
Undivided profits	41,541,000
Reserve for contingencies	4,750,000
Total shareholders' equity	200,187,000
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$5,402,352,000

Underground to Heathrow

By MICHAEL DONNE, Aerospace Correspondent

THE NEW £30m. underground railway link between the Central Area of Heathrow Airport and Hounslow West on the Piccadilly Line, which gears the airport into the entire London Transport underground railway network, is already proving a success, although it is not without some problems for passengers with much heavy baggage in the rush-hours.

The new "tube" link opened on December 16, when the final section between Hatton Cross on the south-east corner of the airport and the Central Area came into operation. At Heathrow Central, the station is linked directly with the three main passenger terminals by underground subways with moving-walkways. A passenger can get from his aircraft through to any one of the stations on the London Transport network under cover all the way. In the rush hours, there are trains to Heathrow every four minutes, and every five to ten minutes at other times.

Before the opening of the link, London Transport estimated the trains would carry about 11m. to 13m. passengers a year, or roughly 30,000 a day. In the first few days, admittedly including the busy Christmas holiday, the average number using Heathrow Central station was 18,000 a day. It has since dropped back a little to about 15,000 or so, but the figure is still above LT's expectations, and it seems likely that, if the present steady growth in traffic is sustained, the 30,000-a-day mark may well be reached well before the end of this year.

It is too early for anyone, either LT or the British Airports Authority, to be able to say with precision what effect the tube link is having on other means of transport to and from the airport—buses, airport coaches, taxis or private cars.

Car parking

Initial observation indicates little apparent change so far in the normal daily pressures on public car parking space in the Central Area, or in the volume of traffic moving through the road tunnels linking the area with the M4 motorway and the A4 Bath Road on the north side of the airport. Comments from passengers using the Tube link,

however, suggest that many of the travellers on it find it a comparatively simple-to-understand method of getting into Central London. Taxi-drivers do not openly admit to losing business of the sliding doors, there is a to the Tube, although some of the slightly wider space to allow for them must have done so. The baggage or standing passengers, various airlines continue to run but no other special arrangements are made for baggage Central London and the airport, stowage. There seems to be little



Passengers leaving the tube at Heathrow.

which continue to be well patronised, with no suggestions of any cuts or suspensions, so far this appears to indicate that many U.K.-originating travellers are still tending to use traditional methods of getting to and from the airport, such as car or taxi, especially if they have heavy baggage.

The principal problems complained to light are the difficulties experienced over baggage space in the carriages, and those of a number of heavily laden normal rush-hour commuters who find it hard on some occasions to get seats if they board at stations between Heathrow and inner London.

LT ordered 88 new trains at a cost of £41.2m. for the Piccadilly Line, especially to replace exist-

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comparatively simple-to-understand method of getting into Central London. Taxi-drivers do not openly admit to losing business of the sliding doors, there is a to the Tube, although some of the slightly wider space to allow for them must have done so. The baggage or standing passengers, various airlines continue to run but no other special arrangements are made for baggage Central London and the airport, stowage. There seems to be little while trying to meet the need of an ever-expanding airport.

Heavy baggage

When confronted, before the opening of the link, with the argument about possible loss of luggage, LT was quick to argue that it had been saving London's busy main-line termini for many years, carrying large numbers of passengers with heavy baggage, without significant delays or difficulties. With Heathrow, however, things are different: "It is a busy terminus in its own right, at the end of the line, likely to put many hundreds of passengers time onto empty trains before the journey begins."

The baggage problem, apart from there is little doubt that the tube link is already providing itself a valuable addition to Heathrow. Throughout the world, the most successful airports, for passengers are those where the time taken to get from an aircraft through all the formalities and on to the home, or vice versa, is the shortest possible.

The combination of the tube link and the underground passageways linking the terminal buildings will not in itself help to improve this time, but to the extent that it eases congestion and speeds travel to and from the airport, it can be regarded as a major improvement. Already it seems clear that the tube link will eventually become an indispensable part of the airport's facility.

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Mr. Begin gets tough

THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT has categorically rejected both the U.S. contention that Jewish settlements in occupied Arab territories are illegal; and that it has misled the American Administration about its intentions toward establishing new settlements. There is a serious danger now that this row will occupy the centre of the stage in Middle East negotiations. In the event of the U.S. being unable to persuade Israel to make some concessions on the principle of withdrawal, it could affect related crises like the fighting in the Horn of Africa.

President Sadat of Egypt has just completed talks with President Carter in the U.S. He went there openly dispirited that his initiative in going to address the Knesset in Jerusalem last November had not received a sufficiently substantive response from Israel. He left the U.S. feeling that Washington was now serious about trying to get the stalled political talks between Egypt and Israel restarted through negotiating with Israel a declaration of principles which would encompass the two key sticking points of Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and some form of self-determination for the Palestinians. Until the U.S. proves itself on these points, Mr. Sadat's mission will have failed, for he desperately needs something to persuade the other Arab States that he was working on a pan-Arab mission.

Settlements

Israel's counters to Egyptian objections that settlements intrude on Egyptian sovereignty are based on three main points. One is that these settlements represent historical and religious Jewish areas which pre-date any modern regional conflicts. The second is that they are needed for security reasons. The third is based on technical arguments about who in modern historical terms is really entitled to call Sinai Egyptian or the West Bank Jordanian. But in addition there is underlying concern about the success Mr. Sadat had in the U.S. in persuading public opinion that he was sincere about wanting peace. Allied to this is the fear that this might lead the U.S. to conclude that its interests and those of Israel in the Middle East were not necessarily always in common. This in turn could lead the U.S. to bring direct pressure on Israel to withdraw. At this stage, characteristically, Israel is fighting the U.S. every inch of the way.

Acting against secret cartels

THE NEWS that yet another batch of cartels are to be taken to the Restrictive Practices Court after having been operated undisturbed for several years has naturally prompted the suggestion that tougher penalties should be imposed for failing to register restrictive trading agreements, perhaps even to the point of making non-disclosure a criminal offence. The latest batch, which relate to the supply of tarmacadam for road surfacing, came to light only a few months after Press reports had led to the discovery of over 100 secret agreements in the concrete industry and after the Monopolies Commission had come across unregistered agreements involving diazo copying materials.

It is surprising, to say the least, that so many price rings and market sharing arrangements should be found operating in different industrial sectors more than 20 years after the first restrictive practices law was passed. In many instances in the past, the arrangements appear to have begun informally, often in the form of verbal understandings.

If it should transpire that secret agreements are being operated not in ignorance but in knowing contravention of the law, then there may be a strong case for considering banning outright practices like collusive tendering and so make their operation a criminal offence. But to go further and make the non-registration of any restrictive agreement a crime would alter the whole stance of the restrictive practices legislation—at a time, moreover, when it is in process of being extended to commercial services. As matters now stand, the law does not say there should never be restrictive agreements: it says that if they are made they should be open for public examination and be submitted to the Court for approval. It is

Of Israel's arguments, the most compelling is the question of security. In military terms it is acknowledged that Israel would be able for many years to defeat any combination of Arab States. It is the psychological feeling of being an Arab area which needs to be catered for. Mr. Sadat in Jerusalem, and subsequently, has acknowledged this, and proposed demilitarised zones to early warning systems which technically could fill the bill.

What is required, however, is a trade-off. An open declaration by Israel of the principle of withdrawal and dismantling of some non-strategic settlements needs to be matched by an echoing acknowledgement on the Arab side that peace negotiations will be protracted, and that for that duration at least Israel will be able to have military camps of a security status.

Constraints

At the same time as has to be accepted that Mr. Begin, unlike Mr. Sadat, is faced by electoral constraints. He has already come under heavy criticism from members of his own party for apparently weakening on his position, just after his taking office, that Jews were entitled to settle anywhere in the historical homeland. Mr. Begin has been remarkably successful in turning a narrow victory in the elections into overwhelming support for policies which have been popular because of their inclusiveness and their appeal to basic Israeli historical and religious instincts. But what he has so far failed to demonstrate is an ability to lead his followers—notably the religious extremists the Gush Emunim—into accepting unpopular decisions about withdrawal, or about the Palestinians.

The fact that Mr. Begin has so far shown no such inclination emphasises the point that the U.S. has yet to be fully decisive in its approach. So far Mr. Carter has been skilful in comforting Mr. Sadat and persuading him to trust U.S. intentions. But if Mr. Sadat's initiative is not to collapse or become a sideshow to a dispute between Washington and Jerusalem, with potentially disastrous effects both in the region and in Africa, the U.S. Administration will have to show a far tougher face to Israel than it has dared hitherto. It is still not clear that Washington is aware of the consequences of failure.

Bananas, and the nub of EEC policy on free competition

BY GUY DE JONQUIERES, Common Market Correspondent

OF ALL the new obligations which Britain took on when it joined the Common Market, few have recently aroused as much uncertainty as the rules which EEC competition policy imposes on business conduct. Partly because it was presented in a rather one-sided way in the U.K., the European Commission's decision a few weeks ago to outlaw the Distillers Company's dual pricing system for marketing scotch whisky and other spirits seems to have added to the confusion. Many British businessmen must have been left wondering which other seasoned business practices would be the next target of a thunderbolt from Brussels.

There seems to be an impression that the Commission specifically ordered Distillers to raise its scotch prices in the U.K. That is not so. What the company was required to do was to end its practice of charging the same British wholesale customers a higher price for spirits destined for export to other parts of the EEC than those for domestic sale. The Commission found that the company would respond by cutting export prices. But Distillers chose to do this only for spirits other than scotch.

It is important to recognise that the Commission was not concerned with the absolute level of Distillers' prices. Its case hinged on the fact that Distillers was operating a discriminatory pricing policy within the Common Market. Rejecting the company's argument that such a policy was necessary to protect export markets in the EEC, the Commission ruled that it amounted to a restriction on the free movement of goods and hence a distortion of competition.

Restrictive practices

The concept of maintaining and strengthening a single, common market lies at the centre of the EEC's competition policy. The authors of the treaties recognised that it was not enough to dismantle government-sanctioned barriers to trade between member countries. It was necessary also to ensure that the benefits of this liberalisation were not undermined by restrictive private business practices.

The common market is, of course, far from being complete in many respects but as a general rule the Commission does not accept that the persistence of differences in trading conditions between member countries is in itself a justification for business practices which, in its view, place restrictions on free competition.

Enforcement of competition policy is one of the few areas where the Commission may act autonomously without prior approval by national govern-

ments, though its decision may be altered or voided by the European Court of Justice on appeal. Its authority stems primarily from Articles 85 and 86 of the Rome Treaty, which deal respectively with restrictive arrangements between enterprises and with abuse of a dominant position. The older Paris Treaty also gives it specific powers over competition, including mergers, in the coal and steel industries.

The Commission's resources to carry out these duties are extremely limited. Its competition department, under Commissioner Raymond Voulé of Luxembourg, employs only about 60 anti-trust specialists. By contrast, there are roughly 3,000 working full-time for the Federal anti-trust agencies in the U.S., which are charged with policing a similar-sized market. The Commission is therefore constrained to take a highly selective approach, concentrating its efforts where they are likely to have maximum impact.

Anyone may alert the Commission to possible violation. Sometimes the information is supplied voluntarily by the companies involved, sometimes by aggrieved competitors and sometimes through monitoring of business developments through the Press. Though the Commission is bound to investigate all alleged offences which come to its attention (and has legal powers to compel disclosures) only a few are pursued to the point where a formal "decision" is issued, prohibiting a violation and sometimes also imposing a fine if the company is found guilty. In 1976, fewer than 40 decisions were issued but almost 400 cases were settled informally after companies agreed voluntarily to terminate offending practices.

Until quite recently, Article 85 formed the basis for the great bulk of competition cases brought under the Rome Treaty. It prohibits in principle any agreement or concerted practice between companies in the EEC which "are likely to affect trade between member states and which have as their object or result the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition within the Common Market". Specifically, it outlaws price-fixing, control of production, markets, technical development and investment as well as market sharing and fixing unfair or unequal conditions for the supply of goods and services.

The rules do not apply, however, to business practices which do not affect trade or distort competition inside the EEC. For example, cartels formed only for exports outside the Nine are normally beyond the reach of the law, though it is applicable to operations inside the EEC of companies with headquarters outside the community. Moreover, the policy actively encourages sole distribution agreements and joint ventures in

WHAT THE TREATY SAYS ABOUT COMPETITION

TWO KEY ARTICLES

Article 85

1. The following shall be prohibited as incompatible with the common market: all agreements between undertakings, decisions by associations of undertakings and concerted practices which may affect trade between Member States and which have as their object or effect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition within the common market, and in particular those which:

- directly or indirectly fix purchase or selling prices or any other trading conditions;
- limit or control production, markets, technical development, or investment;
- share markets or sources of supply;
- apply dissimilar conditions to equivalent transactions with other trading parties, thereby placing them at a competitive disadvantage;
- make the conclusion of contracts subject to acceptance by the other parties of supplementary obligations which, by their nature or according to commercial usage, have no connection with the subject of such contracts.

2. Any agreements or decisions prohibited pursuant to this Article shall be automatically void.

3. The provisions of paragraph 1 may, however, be declared inapplicable in the case of:

—any agreement or category of agreements between undertakings;

—any decision or category of decisions by associations of undertakings;

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- impose on the undertakings concerned restrictions which are not indispensable to the attainment of these objectives;
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Article 86

Any abuse by one or more undertakings of a dominant position within the common market or in a substantial part of it shall be prohibited as incompatible with the common market in so far as it may affect trade between Member States. Such abuse may, in particular, consist in:

- directly or indirectly imposing unfair purchase or selling prices or other unfair trading conditions;
- limiting production, markets or technical development to the prejudice of consumers;
- applying dissimilar conditions to equivalent transactions with other trading parties, thereby placing them at a competitive disadvantage;
- making the conclusion of contracts subject to acceptance by the other parties of supplementary obligations which, by their nature or according to commercial usage, have no connection with the subject of such contracts.

fields such as research, advertising or book-keeping where these benefit the public interest.

The Treaty provides for exemptions from Article 85, both for general categories of agreement and for specific instances, and companies may ask the Commission to pronounce on whether a particular agreement qualifies. There is also a blanket exemption for restrictive agreements between small businesses with a combined turnover of up to £21m. and a market share of less than 5 per cent. Medium-sized companies also enjoy a dispensation for certain types of joint specialisation agreements.

The logic here is that such companies are too small to have an appreciable effect on competition. In the application of the rules, the Commission also holds the inverse of this principle to be true: that is, the bigger and stronger a company is, the greater its responsibility to avoid restricting trade and distorting competition. This principle is particularly relevant to cases brought under Article 86, which deals with abuse of a dominant position.

A classic case in this field was brought in the early 1970s against Commercial Solvents—a U.S. company which exercised a *de facto* world monopoly in the production of an ingredient essential to the manufacture of

an anti-tuberculosis medication, competitors from entering the market.

When Commercial Solvents decided to start manufacturing the medication themselves, it abruptly halted supplies of the ingredient to several of its customers. The Commission ruled that this refusal to sell, which was likely to force competitors out of the market place, was an offence under Article 86.

The facts of that case were fairly clear cut. But how strong must a company's position be to be considered dominant? And which criteria determine what constitutes a relevant market? These are two of the important questions raised by the case of United Brands, which was fined the equivalent of more than £400,000 in 1975 after the Commission decided that the U.S. company had abused its commercial power by selling its Chiquita brand bananas at high prices in some EEC countries while charging substantially less in others.

The world's largest seller of bananas, United Brands holds about 40 per cent of the EEC market—not a conclusive monopoly. But the Commission argued that its sheer economic muscle, derived from ownership of plantations and a large shipping fleet as well as from tight control over promotion, gave it the power to block effective competition and inhibit potential

competitors from entering the market.

United Brands has appealed to the European Court, which is due to rule to-morrow. Among other things it has challenged the Commission's contention that the market for bananas can be considered as an entity on its own, arguing that they face competition from other fruits. The case is significant, too, because it is the first time that the Commission has decided that an absolute level of price is "unfair". Though the Competition Department has said that it does not seek to become a European price commission, its authority to intervene more directly against corporate pricing policies could be significantly strengthened if the Court upholds this crucial aspect of its decision.

Merger control is another field in which the Commission has sought a bigger role. So far, it has established only very narrow rights to intervene in mergers and for the past few years it has been pressing for authority to vet in advance all takeovers above a certain size. But so far, EEC Governments have been unable to agree even on a threshold level. The Commission wants control over all concentrations involving companies with combined sales exceeding about £400m.

Italy has objected that would be placed at a disadvantage because it has not so enjoyed the kind of boom that has already taken place in several other countries. Britain, on the other hand, wants to widen criteria applied by the Commission to include factors such as employment. But Germany, which believes that the criteria should be restricted to factors of economic competition, is enthusiastic about this.

In general, lawyers who deal with the Competition Department give it high marks for integrity and fairness. But there are complaints that it has been too slow to pronounce on the legality of business agreements on which it had been asked for a ruling under Article 85. Notification of some of these agreements was given to Brussels as long as 15 years ago.

More recently, the Commission has begun to review its views on some kinds of business agreement which it had previously approved under Article 85. This is clearly an unsettling tendency. Lawyers fear that it will undermine the validity of professional opinions which they have given to clients who have been granted such clearances.

The Competition Department has justified such revisions on the grounds that anti-trust law is constantly evolving. But it is evolving rapidly enough. After all, the original rules were drawn up in a climate of thriving free enterprises, but the structures of many European economies, and hence competitive conditions, have been altered by the steady expansion of the public sector. Yet the Department has so far conspicuously failed to open anti-trust proceedings against major public enterprises or nationalised industries. The main reason has been quite plain: the fear that, however good the case, it would risk being regarded in the political arena.

Another factor which the Department has had to take into account has been the prolonged recession, and the periodically damaging consequences this has inflicted on industries like steel, textiles and shipbuilding. In these sectors, the Commission's industry directorate is actively espousing a dirigiste role, encouraging efforts to reduce capacity while backing trade restrictions to shield EEC producers from low-cost third-country competition. Competition experts in Brussels acknowledge that this phenomenon presents at least a potential problem but maintain that for the moment it is more apparent than real. They insist that the "industrial anti-crisis measures drawn up so far are compatible with the law as it stands. But it is clear that EEC competition policy, like the Common Market itself, is incomplete in some important respects.

MEN AND MATTERS

Taking care of number one

Once upon a time the in-thing for the neurotic American rich was to build an all-mod-con atom bomb shelter for self and loved ones. Now, in the wake of transatlantic kidnappings in Italy, and lately, and most speculatively, with Barone Empan in France, the New York corporate executive who has everything is spending a fortune on kidnap protection.

America's intelligence services have yet to be known that they expect 1978 to be the city's worst ever for bombings, kidnappings and sabotage. As a result, demand has suddenly tripled for personal protection that ranges from \$50 an hour ex-FBI bodyguards to fortified homes.

Many New York top executives are trading in their beloved Cadillacs for less distinguishable Pontiacs and Buicks—the difference being that the latter are being armoured plated at a cost of nearly £20,000 each.

Some families have reportedly spent £25,000 or more on personal protection. A big chunk of that has gone into bomb-proofing the walls and roofs of their houses and construction of "safe" rooms in the middle of the home which are proof against everything from hand grenades upwards.

in his 38-bedroomed house and also picks up movements in the driveway. He also has a 30-man guard force and three vicious dogs, says Fred Rayne, boss of Rayne International which specialises in supplying "defence systems" for both individuals and multi-national companies.

That, I must say, sounds a little exaggerated. But these things have a logic all of their own, as I was reminded recently by a cartoon in Punch. It showed a fat Italian businessman wooing a buxom young lady over lunch. The punch line was: "Tell me, Mr. Bertelli, if you're so rich and powerful, how come you haven't been kidnapped?" That's status for you.

Autobahn mania

Back in the 1930s wide-eyed apologists for the Nazi and Fascist regimes in Germany and Italy used to point to Mussolini's success in making the trains run on time and Hitler's patronage of the Autobahn building programme as examples of the achievements made possible by totalitarian regimes.

The latest edition of Transport Retort, the monthly "distillation" of transport news put out by the pro-rail and anti-juggernaut Transport 2000 pressure group, recalls those days with a tongue-in-cheek report of the 1958 visit to Germany by 225 country councillors, surveyors and MPs organised by the British Road Federation.

During their eight days as guests of Dr. Fritz Todt, the Inspector General of Highways, only three were spent actually inspecting the famous Autobahns. The other five were taken up with a visit to the Munich Oktoberfest, trips to Berlin to witness the "historic meeting" between Hitler and



Mussolini, receptions, lunches and the like.

When the delegation got back home, however, it reported how impressed its members were by the "greatness and thoroughness" of the German approach. It also found that when it came to purchase of the necessary land "it transpired that 98 per cent of the farmers voluntarily agreed to a sale."

To their considerable chagrin the lobbyists for the motor and cement industries who had helped organise the trip, met considerable official scepticism in Whitehall about the virtues of building expensive motorways given existing traffic levels. As the then Transport Minister Leslie Burgin put it: "The concept of building a road because it may bear traffic in the future is a novel one."

This scepticism did not prevent the County Surveyors Society putting forward their proposals for a 1,000 mile motorway network in Great Britain which looks very similar to the network which is now being completed, 40 years later.

petrol-starved defenders of the Fatherland. On the other hand it would take some fairly nimble figure-juggling to prove that waiting until the existing roads were completely clogged up before finally starting to build motorways in the 1950s was anything else than short sightedness of epic proportions.

Heads you win

Are share analysts fooling themselves and wasting everybody else's time and money into the bargain? The answer is, in many cases yes, according to a study made by a U.S. computer company called Computer Directions and Advisers published in the latest edition of the City Press.

It appears that Computer Directions made 100 random selections of 25 shares from the 500 listed by Standard and Poors.

These totally chance (picked out of a hat), portfolios were then monitored and showed an average gain of 3 per cent, and a maximum gain of 20 per cent, during 1977 when the S and P index as a whole dropped by over 7 per cent. Only one portfolio apparently did worse than the index, while over three years it appears that the average gain by these random portfolios was 130 per cent, while the index rose less than 60 per cent.

Could this be what Adam Smith had in mind when he talked about the benefits of the invisible hand?

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Eurobonds in January

BY MARY CAMPBELL, Euromarkets Editor

Throughout January, investors remained considerably interested in bonds issued in other currencies.

Yields on D-mark bonds continued to rise despite continuing large-scale issue.

In the Swiss franc sector, the phenomenon of foreign bond issues offering premiums of 5 per cent above offering prices immediately after a continued. This was despite a sharp fall in the coupon level to 4 per cent for prime borrowers—an extremely low level by comparison with anything seen in the Swiss inflation rate.

Among other sectors of the bond market, the successful launching of two new sterling issues suggested that, provided there is neither a fall in sterling nor other currencies nor a rise in the interest rates, the sterling market

may after all feature significantly in the future. Yes bond issues continued at a steady pace. A new unit of account issue went so strongly that the coupon could be cut in midstream.

All this was in sharp contrast to the situation in the dollar sector—whether in New York or abroad. The best that could be said for the Eurodollar bond market was that it ended the month firmer than it began, helped forward by a technical reaction in the secondary market, some stabilisation in dollar interest rates and a general fall-off in new issue activity.

It could also be said that a not insubstantial volume of new capital was raised in January—\$340m. in straight Eurobond issues. However, it was thought that only a small proportion of these issues has actually reached investors and that much remains unsold.

The most interesting developments in

the dollar sector during January were technical. In particular, a new technique for handling the after-market was introduced by Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) in the case of the two-tranche offering for the European Investment Bank which was priced in mid-month.

In general the way that lead managers handle the after-market in weak market conditions is based on the assumption that they will take buy back the loose bonds which inevitably circulate at some kind of discount from the offering price, but not usually at below the price paid by selling group members.

What UBS did was to say that it would buy back bonds only from those who had subscribed for them. The significance of this was that it destroyed dealers' ability to offload surplus bonds anonymously via third parties.

Anxious not to lose their place in future UBS issues, dealers effectively ended up for once sitting on their hands—at some considerable cost. Although on occasional basis they can well afford to do so, the fear was that if such a technique were to be adopted by several

issue managers then the profitability would be considerably lessened for the smaller institutions.

In practice, other major lead managers all say that they would have no intention of following the UBS example on this question, while the lack of new issues in the latter half of January considerably eased the pressure so that the storm has now effectively blown over.

The rebirth of the sterling market came as a considerable relief to London issuing houses. The market reopened in good style with two successful issues, one for the European Investment Bank and the other for the British company Rowntree Macintosh. Although the expectation of a series of new issues in quick succession dampened the secondary market enthusiasm for sterling bonds somewhat, in general prospects are good.

The yield basis for the sterling market has now been firmly established in relation to domestic government bonds: even triple-A borrowers like the EIB will have to pay marginally more than the British government on an issue of comparable maturity with gradations according to quality going up from there.

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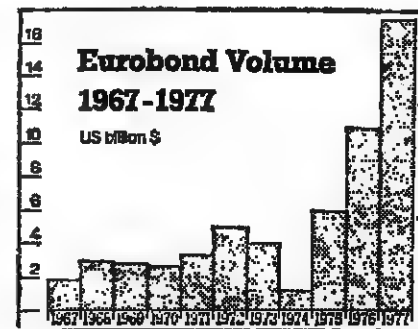
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ISSUER ESTIMATED YRS (AHD)	YTD/ISSUE RATING	BORROWER/ COUPON/MATURITY	PRICE	YIELD	YIELD TO MATURITY	CURRENT YIELD	NEXT CALL PRICE NEXT 3 MONTHS	NEXT CALL DATE FIRST PAY DATE	SECURITY CUMULATIVE LTD	LEAD MANAGER	MARKET MAKERS
35.00	1976	NAME OF SOCIETY	101 1/2	5.57	8.12	8.42	100.50	1978	ST	101 3/4	925
35.00	1975	NAME OF SOCIETY	101 3/4	5.37	8.26	8.09	100.50	1978	ST	101 3/4	925
35.00	1977	NAME OF SOCIETY	96 1/2	6.25	8.35	7.90	100.50	1981	ST	101 3/4	925
35.00	1976	NAME OF SOCIETY	101 7/8	5.12	8.27	8.33	100.50	1978	ST	101 3/4	925
25.00	1975	NAME OF SOCIETY	100.00	5.50	8.12	8.18	100.50	1978	ST	101 3/4	925
25.00	1974	NAME OF SOCIETY	102 1/8	3.79	8.33	8.04	100.50	1978	ST	101 3/4	925
14.00	1975	NAME OF SOCIETY	100.00	5.50	8.12	8.18	100.50	1978	ST	101 3/4	925
25.00	1974	NAME OF SOCIETY	96 5/8	6.87	8.64	8.02	100.50	1978	ST	101 3/4	925
35.00	1976	NAME OF SOCIETY	55 1/2	6.04	8.74	8.12	100.50	1981	ST	101 3/4	925
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25.00	1971	NAME OF SOCIETY	96 1/2	4.20	8.76	8.00	100.50	1978	ST	101 3/4	925
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34.00	1971 GENERAL BOND 0/8 7/1	103 3/7	8.54	8.17	8.46	100.25	1979 PG 437	436	105	805	870	935	941	940	
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DAIWA SEIKO	\$1.75	NIPPON CHEM. CON.	\$2.50
HONDA	\23\frac{1}{2}$	PIONEER	\$12.00
ITO YOKADO	\52\frac{1}{4}$	Q.P. CORPORATION	\$2.65
JUSCO	\50\frac{1}{2}$	RENEWN	\$2.40
KOMATSU FORKLIFT	\$2.25	RHYTHM WATCH	\$2.03
KONISHIROKU	\$2.00	SONY	\$7.75
KUBOTA	\22\frac{3}{4}$	STANLEY ELECTRIC	\$2.30
MAKITA	\26\frac{1}{2}$	TAISHO MARINE	\10\frac{1}{2}$
MURATA	\$2.40	T.D.K.	\$6.50
NICHII	\$5.22	TOKYO SANYO	\$1.02
NIPPON MEAT	\$2.56	TRIO	\22\frac{1}{2}$
		WACOAL	\16\frac{1}{2}$

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January 25, 1978

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(Municipal Financing Company)

12,000,000 European Units of Account 7¾ % 1978 - 1993 Bonds

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Bank Brussel Lambert N.V. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Bank Gutzwiller, Kurz, Bungener (Overseas) <small>Luxembourg</small>	Bank of Helsinki Ltd. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Bankers Trust International <small>Luxembourg</small>
Banque Arabe et Internationale d'Investissement (B.A.I.I.) <small>Luxembourg</small>	Banque Française du Commerce Extérieur <small>Luxembourg</small>	Banque Générale du Luxembourg S.A. <small>Luxembourg</small>	
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Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas <small>Luxembourg</small>	Banque de l'Union Européenne <small>Luxembourg</small>	H. Albert de Bary & Co. N.V. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Bayerische Vereinsbank <small>Luxembourg</small>
Bergen Bank <small>Luxembourg</small>	Berliner Handels- und Frankfurter Bank <small>Luxembourg</small>	Blyth Eastman Dillon & Co. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations <small>Luxembourg</small>
Caisse Privée-Banque <small>Luxembourg</small>	Centrale Rabobank <small>Luxembourg</small>	Christiansia Bank og Kreditkasse <small>Luxembourg</small>	Citicorp International Group <small>Luxembourg</small>
Commerzbank <small>Luxembourg</small>	Compagnie Monégasque de Banque <small>Luxembourg</small>	Crédit Commercial de France <small>Luxembourg</small>	Crédit Général <small>Luxembourg</small>
Crédit Industriel d'Alsace et de Lorraine <small>Luxembourg</small>	Crédit Industriel et Commercial <small>Luxembourg</small>	Crédit Lyonnais <small>Luxembourg</small>	Credit Suisse White Field <small>Luxembourg</small>
Daiwa Europe N.V. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Den Danske Bank <small>Luxembourg</small>	Den Danske Provinsbank A/S <small>Luxembourg</small>	Den norske Creditbank <small>Luxembourg</small>
De Waay & Associés International S.C.S. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Dresdner Bank <small>Luxembourg</small>	European Banking Company <small>Luxembourg</small>	First Bsonn (Europe) <small>Luxembourg</small>
Antony Gibbs Holdings Ltd. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Girozentrale und Bank der österreichischen Sparkassen <small>Luxembourg</small>	Hambros Bank <small>Luxembourg</small>	R. Henriques jr. Bank <small>Luxembourg</small>
Hill Samuel & Co. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Kansallis-Osake-Pankki <small>Luxembourg</small>	Kjøbenhavn Handelsbank <small>Luxembourg</small>	Kleinwort, Benson <small>Luxembourg</small>
Kreditbank (Suisse) S.A. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Kuhn Loeb Lehman Brothers International <small>Luxembourg</small>	Manufacturers Hanover <small>Luxembourg</small>	Merrill Lynch International & Co. <small>Luxembourg</small>
Morgan Grenfell & Co. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Morgan Stanley International <small>Luxembourg</small>	Nederlandse Middenstandsbank N.V. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Nederlandse Creditbank N.V. <small>Luxembourg</small>
The Nikko Securities Co., (Europe) Ltd. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Nomura Europe N.V. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale <small>Luxembourg</small>	Nordic Bank <small>Luxembourg</small>
Postipankki <small>Luxembourg</small>	Privatbanken <small>Luxembourg</small>	Salomon Brothers International <small>Luxembourg</small>	Saudi Arabian Investment Company, Inc. <small>Luxembourg</small>
J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Smith Barney <small>Luxembourg</small>	Harris Upham & Co. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Société Bancaire Barclays (Suisse) S.A. <small>Luxembourg</small>
Société Générale <small>Luxembourg</small>	Société Générale d'Assurance de Banque <small>Luxembourg</small>	Société Générale de Banque S.A. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Société Européenne de Banque <small>Luxembourg</small>
Sundsvallsbanken <small>Luxembourg</small>	Swiss Bank Corporation (Overseas) <small>Luxembourg</small>	Union Bank of Finland Ltd. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Union de Banques Arabes et Européennes U.B.A.E. <small>Luxembourg</small>
J. Vontobel & Co. <small>Luxembourg</small>	S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Williams, Glynn & Co. <small>Luxembourg</small>	Wood Gundy <small>Luxembourg</small>
			Yamaichi International (Europe) <small>Luxembourg</small>

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ISSUED/ESTIMATED DTS (MMDD)	NOTATION/COUPON/PAYMENT		LEAD PRICE	CURRENT BOND YIELD/ CURRENT SHARE YIELD	YIELD TO MATURITY/ P.E.R.	CONVERSION PRICE/ DATE OF CONVERSION EVENT	PREMIUM/DISCOUNT %	ISSUED/ESTIMATED DTS (MMDD)	SECURITY QUANTITIES LEADING	LEAD MANAGER							
7/8/50	1971	REARAGE CAP.	75	8.22	10.57	80	15.57	85	33	434	800	840	940	973			
7/9/50	1960.0	6.23	15/11/1966	3	3/4	5.50	12.50	15/7	7/1972								
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TRAFALGAR FUND S.A.
SECURITE ANONYME
14 RUE ALDRINGEN, LUXEMBOURG
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to shareholders that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the abovesaid Company will be held at 3 p.m. on the 7th March, 1978 at 14 rue Aldringen, Luxembourg, with the following agenda:-

1. To approve and authorize the **AGENDA**
Agreement between the Company and Intercontinental Technology and Natural Resources S.A. by which
(a) the liquidator of ITNR will, on ITNR's behalf, purchase and/or subscribe and pay for shares in said company, and (b) ITNR having sold and/or sold to the Net Asset Value equal to the value of the total assets (less an amount sufficient to meet all the liabilities) of the Company, and (c) ITNR having sold to the Net Asset Value more shares in the Company, such Net Asset Value and the value of such total assets being the value of the assets of the Company which the Morser Agreement is executed and in accordance with the valuation of the Company as set out in the Articles of Incorporation, and the terms of the Morser Agreement referred to, and
2. To approve and authorize the liquidator of ITNR to transfer to the Company all its assets relating to the Morser Agreement mentioned in paragraph 1(a) above and any part of such assets which the Company
Agreement, not be required to accept for a consideration in cash in U.S. dollars equal to the value determined in accordance with the valuation of the assets, so transferred.

2. Subject to the Resolution mentioned above having been duly passed and to the Morser Agreement having been executed, on the 31st March 1978 as the special date for the repurchase by Trafalgar Realisations S.A. of shares in the Company, authorized to it for reasons
Board of Directors to accept applications for the repurchase of shares on such date at any time up to the close of business on such date
Shareholders are advised that, in order for valid decisions to be taken at the meeting, the quorum required is that at least 30 per cent of the shares in the Company be issued or represented either in person or by proxy. In the event that a quorum is not present, or if the Board of Directors so resolves for other reasons, a second meeting, at which a quorum may be present, may be convened by further notice. In such event, voting on all items set forth in the original meeting, and on any amendments thereto, shall be valid. In accordance with Luxembourg law, with effect from the resolutions to be proposed at the meeting and as a condition precedent to the resolutions to be proposed, the number of votes attributable to the shares to be represented shall be fixed by cast in favour thereof.

Holders of bearer shares may vote at the Meeting in person by producing at the Meeting either their share certificates or a certificate of deposit which shall be issued upon the production of the share certificates to the Banque Generale du Luxembourg at 14 rue Aldringen, Luxembourg, or J. Henry Schroder Waring & Co. Limited at 120 Regent, London E.C.2 not later than 5 p.m. on Monday, 26th March, 1978. Holders of bearer shares who are not at the Meeting by proxy by completing the form of proxy which will be made available to them upon demand or by depositing their share certificates or certificates on deposit will be required until the Meeting or any adjournment thereof has been held.

Holders of registered shares who are registered as shareholders in the register of the Company as at the date of the Meeting may vote at the Meeting in person or by proxy. Form of proxy for registered shareholders may be sent to the Company at 14 rue Aldringen, Luxembourg not later than 5 p.m. on Monday, 26th March, 1978.

The meeting and related documents are available for inspection at Banque Generale du Luxembourg, A. Luxembourg, For and on behalf of
TRAFALGAR FUND S.A.

EXPLANATORY NOTES AND ABBREVIATIONS

LISTINGS	ML = Milan
AN = Antwerp	NY = New York
AM = Amsterdam	PR = Paris
AS = American Stock	RM = Rome
BR = Brussels	SI = Singapore
BT = Beirut	UQ = Unquoted
DD = Düsseldorf	VN = Vienna
FF = Frankfurt	ZR = Zurich & other Swiss
HK = Hong Kong	
KL = Kuala Lumpur	
LN = London	
LX = Luxembourg	

DELIVERY

TYPE OF GUARANTEE OR SECURITY

1. GUARANTEES	2. OTHER SECURITY
GG = Government Guarantee	CL = Collateral Cover
SG = State or Local Govt. Guarantee	FM = First Mortgage
PG = Parent Guarantee	NP = Negative Pledge
BG = Bank Guarantee	PS = Subordinated
PW = These borrowers have Public Works Loans B as a lender of last resort	SC = Special Clause
	SU = Subordinated
	UL = Unsecured Loan
	TA = Throughout Agreement

SPECIAL REFERENCES

1. GENERAL—ATTACHED TO NAME OF BORROWER

D	= Domestic Management group
L	= Bondholders option to redeem loan prior to maturity
P	= Private or semi-private placement
MC	= Principal/interest payable in more than two currencies
W	= Withholding taxes (with percentage rate %)
WW	= With warrants
XW	= Ex-warrants

2. S/DN ISSUES

The figures given are the rate at which the DN rate is fixed.

3. FLOATING RATE ISSUES

The figures given are the minimum coupon rate.

% margin above LIBOR.

4. ATTACHED TO MATURITY DESCRIPTION

S = Semi-annual payments

5. ATTACHED TO NEXT S/F AMOUNT

PF = Purchase funds—the amount shown is the annual total (or total to the next coupon date) which may be applied. The year associated with the amount shown relates to the end of the purchase period.

DP = Non-cumulative option to double sinking fund payments.

6. CONVERTIBLE ISSUES

The share price is always denominated in the same currency as the conversion price. Please note that where the premium exceeds 200% no fig. is shown in premium/discount column. The following convertible bonds are subject to convertibility into the indicated stock.

NAME OF BOND	CONVERTIBLE INTO
American Tobacco Int.	1988 American Tobacco Inc.
Amoco Int. Fin.	1984 Standard Oil Indiana
Bankers Int. (Lux)	1986 Bankers Trust New York
Broadway-Hale Stores	1987 Carter Hawley Hale
Chevron Oil O/S	1988 Standard Oil of California
Dart Industries	1987 Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing
Inter-Continental Hotels	1986 Pan-Am World Airways
Int. Standard Elec.	1988 International Tel & Tel
Kinney	1989 Warner Comm. Inc.
Leasco World Trade	1988 Reliance Group Inc.
Leasco Int.	1988 Morton-Norwich Products
Norwich OS	1983 Owens Corning Fibreglass
Owens-Illinois	1987 Owens Corning Fibreglass
Plywood Champion Int.	1983 Plywood Champion
Levin-Townsend Int. Fin.	1988 Rockwood Computer
Asia Navigation Int. Fin.	1989 East Asia Navigation Co
Burmah Oil	1988 Shell Transport & Trading

The following international convertible issues have fixed rates of currency conversion.

COUNTRY — FRANCE

Dollar issues convertible at fixed rate of \$1 = F.Fr.5.564
Michelin Int. Dev.
Suez et L'Union Paris

COUNTRY — NETHERLANDS

Dollar issues convertible at fixed rate of \$1 = D.Fl.3.60
All Netherlands Convertibles

COUNTRY — HONG KONG

Dollar issues convertible at fixed rate of HK\$1 = \$3.07
Asia Navigation Int.

COUNTRY — JAPAN

\$ issues convertible at fixed rate of \$1 = 360 Yen
Asahi Chemical
Dai Nippon Printing
Fuji Photo Film
Hitachi
Hitachi
Komatsu Ltd.
Komatsu Manufacturing
Mitsubishi Electric
Mitsubishi Shoji
Kaisha
Takeda Chemical Ind.
Toshiba Electric

\$ issues convertible at fixed rate of \$1 = 360.5 Yen
Mitsubishi Electric
Mitsubishi Heavy Ind.

\$ issues convertible at fixed rate of \$1 = 360.0 Yen
Asahi Chemical
Daikin Ind.
Matsumita Elec. Ind.

\$ issues convertible at fixed rate of \$1 = 360.7 Yen
Sanyo Electric

\$ issues convertible at fixed rate of \$1 = 360.0 Yen
Mitsubishi Corp.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

US\$10,000,000 Medium Term Loan

Underwritten by

CISALPINE OVERSEAS BANK LIMITED Nassau	ROYAL BANK OF CANADA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED Nassau	WORLD BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED Nassau
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Provided by the following Nassau based banks or branches

Bankers Trust Company
Bank of London & Montreal Limited
Banque Canadienne Nationale (Bahamas) Limited
Cisalpine Overseas Bank Limited
Credit Suisse (Bahamas) Limited
First National Bank of Boston Nassau Branch
Interamerican Bank Corporation S.A.
Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company
Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York
Republic National Bank of New York (International) Limited
Royal Bank of Canada International Limited
Swiss Bank Corporation (Overseas) Limited
E.D. Sassoon Bank & Trust International
The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company (Bahamas) Limited
The Royal Bank of Canada International Limited
World Bank Corporation Limited
Artoc Bank & Trust Limited
Bank for Credit & Foreign Commerce (Overseas) Limited
Bank Leu International Limited
Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Company of Chicago
Gothard Bank International
Handelsbank N.W. (Overseas) Limited
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Trade Development Bank



Agent & Manager
THE CENTRAL BANK
OF THE
BAHAMAS

December, 1977

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

to the holders of Debentures payable in American Currency of the issue designated

8 1/4% Sinking Fund Debentures due March 15, 1986, Series BS (herein called "Debentures") of the

QUEBEC HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION

CANADA

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEBENTURES, THE FOLLOWING DEBENTURES ARE DESIGNATED, AT 100% OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, AS BEING SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEBENTURES, INTEREST TO THE REDEMPTION DATE, NAMELY:

81 1225 0425 3640 4883 6028 7230 8412 9633 10890 12048 13224 14448 15611 16818 18023 19222
82 1283 2470 3666 4884 6082 7288 8492 9697 10898 12098 13298 14498 15698 16898 18098 19298
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ADELA 76/83	107.20	7.46	5.17	6.32	1.483
ADELA 77/82	107.20	7.51	4.37	6.69	1.483
AEK 66/81	101.50	6.80	4.50	6.59	1.882
AEK 67/80	104.00	6.77	1.99	3.87	1.272-81D
Airport Paris 69/84P (G)	101.75	6.59	2.00	5.93	1.375-84D
AKZO 76/83P	106.75	7.38	5.33	7.01	1.282
AKZO 76/83P	106.00	7.38	5.33	6.80	1.683
Alusuisse Int'l 75/81	110.50	7.47	4.48	6.50	1.841-83D
AMEX Int'l 77/84P	104.50	6.46	6.17	5.85	1.127-81D
A.P.E.L. 74/81 (G)	110.25	7.07	2.30	5.15	1.127-81D
ARBED Finance 76/83P	103.00	7.52	5.75	7.09	1.113
ARBED Finance 77/82	102.25	6.60	9.33	6.42	1.683-87S
Ardal-Sunddal 75/81P	106.00	6.25	3.42	6.70	1.781
Ardal-Sunddal 77/89P	103.00	6.35	2.76	6.24	1.782-89D
Argentine 67/79	101.10	6.92	1.23	6.09	1.127-79S
Argentine 68/78	104.50	6.70	0.82	6.06	1.1071-78S
Argentine 69/78	104.25	7.67	1.31	4.71	1.127-79S
Argentine 77/84	103.50	7.67	1.31	6.82	1.1084
Asian Dev. Bk. 69/84	104.75	6.48	5.38	5.58	1.975-84S
Asian Dev. Bk. 75/80P	106.00	8.02	2.79	6.08	1.181
Asian Dev. Bk. 76/82P	108.75	7.36	4.08	5.54	1.382
Asian Dev. Bk. 76/83P	107.00	7.24	5.17	6.12	1.483
Asian Dev. Bk. 77/85	106.65	6.56	7.17	5.83	1.485
ASKO 75/80P	106.50	8.72	2.12	6.18	1.480
Austria 73/88 (G)	102.60	7.51	5.22	7.02	1.279-88D
Austria 76/84 (G)	107.00	7.41	4.58	6.43	15.877-84S
Austria 77/84 (G)	103.50	7.49	6.42	7.04	1.1173-82S
Australia 67/82	104.60	6.21	2.70	4.64	1.874-83S
Australia 68/83	106.80	6.32	2.94	4.31	1.275-84S
Australia 69/84	105.25	6.18	3.43	4.08	1.275-84S
Australia 69/84	107.70	6.73	3.65	4.98	1.1175-84S
Australia 72/87	106.85	6.35	5.02	5.41	1.278-87S
Australia 74/89	112.75	6.82	4.00	4.94	1.1080
Australia 75/82	107.50	7.67	4.17	6.15	1.282
Australia 75/82 IIP	107.50	7.67	4.25	6.18	1.582
Australia 76/83	109.30	6.63	5.08	5.12	1.383
Australia 77/82P	102.50	5.12	4.67	4.64	1.1082
Australia 77/89	100.30	5.73	11.75	5.70	1.1185-89S
Aust. Ind. Dev. Corp. 72/87	104.00	6.49	5.02	5.80	1.1178-87D
Aust. Ind. Dev. Corp. 76/83P (G)	104.25	6.25	5.80	6.25	1.473-83S
Rep. of Austria 68/82	104.75	6.48	2.12	4.67	1.473-83S
Rep. of Austria 69/83	103.75	6.27	3.12	5.24	1.473-83S
Rep. of Austria 75/79P	106.00	8.96	1.42	4.97	1.779
Rep. of Austria 74/80P	109.00	8.94	2.75	6.08	1.1180
Rep. of Austria 74/81P	109.00	8.94	3.83	6.98	1.1281
Rep. of Austria 75/80P	106.00	8.96	2.00	4.22	1.280
Rep. of Austria 75/81P	106.75	7.73	3.00	5.94	1.681
Rep. of Austria 75/82P	107.00	8.18	2.33	5.79	1.181-82D
Rep. of Austria 75/83	111.25	8.09	5.00	6.31	1.283
Rep. of Austria 75/83P	107.25	8.16	5.11	6.11	1.479-83D
Rep. of Austria 75/87	107.50	7.91	4.94	6.66	1.578-87S
Rep. of Austria 76/86	111.00	6.98	6.72	5.72	2.583-86S
Rep. of Austria 77/85	105.60	6.32	6.28	5.48	1.483-85S
Rep. of Austria 77/87P	105.00	6.47	6.26	6.08	1.183-87D
Rep. of Austria 77/87P	106.50	6.34	6.93	5.59	1.283-87D
Rep. of Austria 77/87P	102.50	5.82	6.18	5.18	1.283-87D
Autopistas Catalun 78/85P	99.75	7.02	5.96	7.04	1.683
Autopistas 69/84 (G)	103.50	7.80	3.30	6.15	1.773-84S
Autopistas 71/86 (G)	104.50	7.66	4.44	6.92	1.1077-86D
Autopistas 72/87 (G)	100.25	6.73	4.99	5.68	1.1078-87D
Banco N. Obras 71/86 (G)	104.75	7.44	4.53	6.87	1.1177-86S
Banco N. Obras 76/81 (G)	106.60	8.44	3.58	6.84	1.981
Banco N. Obras 77/84 (G)	100.25	6.98	6.64	6.94	1.1084
Raque Ex. Algarve 77/83	104.75	7.57	7.77	7.77	1.181-83D
RASF 65/80	103.00	5.83	1.65	4.07	1.1071-80D
RSC Finance 76/83P	104.00	7.21	3.57	6.63	1.1183
Rochem Fin. 76/83	106.50	7.39	5.25	6.78	1.1183
Bergen 74/79	108.55	9.21	1.81	4.99	1.1279
Bergen 75/85	109.75	7.97	5.19	6.47	1.581-85D
Bergen 77/89	108.58	6.68	6.82	5.71	1.281-89D
BFCE 75/83 (G)	109.40	7.34	4.40	5.76	1.781-83S
BFCE 76/84 (G)	109.25	7.35	5.40	6.17	1.782-84S
BFCE 77/87 (G)	104.50	6.70	5.18	5.18	1.283-87S
BFCE 78/88 (G)	98.50	5.84	8.84	5.87	1.583-88S
BNDE 77/87	106.45	7.98	5.55	7.22	1.483-82-87P
Boragard 77/84P	107.50	8.37	3.25	6.36	1.581
Boragard 77/84P	103.00	6.32	6.67	6.12	1.1084
Brascan Int'l 73/88	105.50	8.06	6.33	7.37	1.1079-88S
Brazil 72/87	100.20	6.21	5.99	6.66	1.1076-87S
Brazil 76/86	107.50	8.14	5.69	7.09	1.1082-86-86
Brazil 77/84	103.25	7.51	6.25	7.08	1.584
Brazil 78/85	99.75	6.77	3.06	6.10	1.285
Brenner 68/83 (G)	102.25	6.33	2.82	5.61	1.674-83S
British Gas 69/79 (G)	101.00	6.68	5.77	5.77	1.674-83S
British Gas 69/79 (G)	102.65	6.58	5.38	6.00	1.674-83S
British Petroleum 65/80	101.50	5.42	1.32	4.29	1.671-80D
Burmah Oil 70/85	101.25	5.68	6.87	5.52	1.512-84
Burmah Oil 70/85	106.00	8.02	4.08	6.90	1.1176-85D
Carlsberg-Tuborg 72/87P	100.50	5.97	9.83	5.93	1.1285-87D
CECE 75/85 (G)	109.25	7.78	5.11	6.32	1.481-85D
CECE 76/86 (G)	109.75	7.74	6.88	6.67	1.783-86D
CECE 77/87 (G)	104.50	6.67	7.83	6.15	1.684-87D
CECE 77/89 (G)	101.75	6.48	3.46	5.44	1.684-89D
CECA 64/79	101.60	5.41	3.12	4.93	1.471-83D
CECA 65/80	106.50	7.04	6.00	5.84	1.577-86D
CECA 72/87	102.65	6.33	5.68	5.83	1.778-87D
CECA 72/88	104.00	6.73	5.18	6.07	2.179-88D
CECA 73/88	102.70	6.33	5.43	5.90	1.479-88D
CECA 73/88	128.60	6.98	6.14	2.64	1.1179-88D
CECA 74/79 IIP	107.50	9.80	1.50	4.67	1.879
CECA 74/79 IIP	107.50	9.80	1.58	4.92	1.879
CECA 74/81P	106.50	7.30	5.58	7.30	1.981
CECA 74/81P	116.00	8.41	3.83	5.05	1.1281
CECA 75/80P	109.00	7.48	2.83	5.27	1.1280
CECA 75/82P	108.00	7.87	4.08	6.22	1.382
CECA 75/82	113.75	7.16	4.87	5.20	1.512-82
CECA 75/85	107.00	7.94	3.51	6.21	1.479-85D
CECA 76/81P	107.25	7.46	3.97	5.85	1.532-81
CECA 76/86	111.00	6.98	6.67	5.43	1.1083
CECA 76/86	111.00	6.98	6.67	5.43	1.1083-86D
CECA 77/81P	102.00	6.48	5.83	5.78	1.481
CECA 77/87 (G)	100.00	7.00	9.75	6.99	1.1183-82-87
CECA 77/87 (G)	101.50	6.40	3.55	6.11	1.1072-85S
CECA 78/88	103.75	6.75	3.00	5.82	1.775-84S
CECA 78/88	108.50	6.22	7.67	5.36	1.1085
CECA 78/88	104.50	6.22	3.51	5.87	1.375-84S
CECA 78/88	111.55	8.52	3.96	6.12	1.681
CECA 78/88	103.25	6.30	3.42	5.43	1.1278-84D
CECA 78/88	104.00	6.30	3.42	5.43	1.1278-84D
CECA 78/88	105.50	8.06	3.99	7.01	1.1076-85S
CECA 78/88	109.50	7.99	4.08	6.05	1.382
CECA 78/88	108.25	6.55	5.04	7.24	1.683
CECA 78/88	107.50	8.37	5.04	2.17	1.683
CECA 78/88	107.40	6.75	5.21	5.57	1.683

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6%	ENEL 65/80 (G)	99.65	6.02	1.40	6.36	1.769-80D
8%	Enso-Gutzeit 70/85	106.50	7.98	4.00	6.73	1.1076-85D
8%	Enso-Gutzeit 72/87	104.00	6.49	4.90	5.79	1.378-87S
8%	ESAB 76/81P	106.50	8.22	3.00	6.30	1.281
8%	ESCOM 65/80 (G)	103.00	6.31	1.65	4.55	1.1071-80D
8%	ESCOM 68/83 (G)	97.25	6.68	1.06	7.52	1.1074-83D
8%	ESCOM 70/85 (G)	102.50	6.29	4.02	7.74	1.476-85D
8%	ESCOM 71/86 (G)	102.25	7.98	4.38	8.09	1.377-86D
8%	ESCOM 72/87 (G)	92.40	6.76	7.76	8.23	1.978-87D
8%	ESCOM 73/88 (G)	94.25	7.43	5.42	8.35	1.579-88D
8%	ESCOM 75/80	105.00	8.81	2.50	6.97	1.880
8%	ESCOM 78/81P (G)	100.50	7.96	2.49	11.65	1.280-81D
7%	ESTEL 73/88	104.40	7.42	6.18	6.84	1.879-88S
8%	ESTEL 75/85	108.00	7.87	5.67	6.74	1.681-85S
8%	ESTEL 76/83P	106.00	8.02	5.08	7.05	1.383
8%	ESTEL 77/84P	100.12	6.49	6.75	6.47	1.1184
5%	Euratom 77/87	98.25	8.85	9.75	5.99	1.1187
6%	Eurofima 64/79	103.00	5.34	1.00	2.40	1.268-79D
6%	Eurofima 65/80	102.00	5.88	1.82	4.81	1.1268-80D
6%	Eurofima 67/83	105.50	6.16	3.02	4.80	1.971-83D
7%	Eurofima 71/86	107.50	7.21	4.35	5.75	1.275-86D
6%	Eurofima 72/87	102.30	6.11	4.86	5.68	1.976-87D
6%	Eurofima 73/88	104.50	6.22	5.36	5.51	1.377-88D
8%	Eurofima 73/88	107.00	7.48	5.33	6.40	1.1077-88D
10%	Eurofima 74/79P	107.50	9.30	1.83	5.56	1.1279
8%	Eurofima 75/85	109.75	8.20	4.94	6.62	1.281-85D
8%	Eurofima 76/83	113.50	7.05	5.00	4.89	1.283
6%	Eurofima 77/87P	104.00	6.49	6.94	6.03	1.283-87D
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 68/78	100.75	6.45	0.33	4.23	1.678
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 69/84	103.15	3.82	2.99	4.91	1.375-84D
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 69/84	106.50	6.57	3.65	5.09	1.1175-84D
8%	Europ. Inv. Bank 70/80	107.45	7.45	2.25	4.53	2.580
8%	Europ. Inv. Bank 71/86	107.50	8.98	4.44	5.65	1.377-86D
7%	Europ. Inv. Bank 71/86	108.00	7.18	4.48	5.67	1.1077-86D
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 72/87	108.00	7.31	4.36	5.70	1.378-87D
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 72/87	103.00	5.83	5.95	5.39	1.980-87D
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 73/88	104.50	6.46	5.72	5.80	1.279-88S
10%	Europ. Inv. Bank 73/88	104.40	6.70	6.13	6.11	1.779-88S
10%	Europ. Inv. Bank 74/80	112.00	8.93	5.58	6.14	1.981
8%	Europ. Inv. Bank 75/80	108.70	7.36	2.83	4.64	1.1280
8%	Europ. Inv. Bank 75/83	114.75	8.28	3.90	5.22	1.181-83D
8%	Europ. Inv. Bank 76/83	109.00	7.34	3.88	5.36	1.780-83D
7%	Europ. Inv. Bank 76/83P	108.00	7.18	5.67	6.03	1.1083
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 76/84	108.00	6.37	5.30	5.41	1.1281-84D
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 77/89	102.75	5.84	7.86	5.55	1.882-89D
6%	Eurospistas 71/81 (G)	104.50	7.89	4.32	7.15	1.277-86D
8%	Eurospistas 72/87 (G)	104.50	7.66	4.69	6.98	1.178-87D
10%	Fin. Inst. f. Dan. Ind. 74/78P	103.00	10.19	0.75	6.20	1.1175-78D
7%	Fin. Inst. f. Dan. Ind. 76/81P	102.25	7.33	2.67	6.54	1.1278-81S
6%	Finland 64/79	101.75	6.14	1.08	4.62	1.970-79D
6%	Finland 68/80	102.00	5.88	1.41	4.57	2.171-80D
6%	Finland 68/83	102.00	6.86	2.74	6.29	1.672-83D
6%	Finland 68/83	102.75	5.57	3.25	5.89	1.1273-83D
7%	Finland 69/84	103.00	8.00	3.67	6.16	2.573-84D
7%	Finland 69/84	104.00	7.21	3.54	6.32	1.1073-84D
8%	Finland 70/85	105.00	1.10	4.15	7.31	1.1276-85S
7%	Finland 72/87	103.50	6.76	4.42	7.17	1.478-87S
8%	Finland 76/84	107.00	7.48	4.80	6.25	1.681-84S
5%	Finland 78/86	98.00	8.00	2.05	7.20	1.1275
5%	Finland 78/86	104.00	7.21	3.20	5.70	1.1272-81D
5%	Finn. Kommunal 69/81 (G)	104.00	7.69	2.66	6.43	2.576-83D
8%	Forsmarks 75/83 (G)	109.35	5.54	3.88	5.50	1.780-83D
8%	Forsmarks 78/90	98.00	5.07	8.00	6.06	16.183-90D
8%	Franceltel 76/83 (G)	108.25	6.93	5.71	5.75	16.183
8%	Franceltel 77/84P (G)	104.25	6.47	6.17	5.90	1.484
7%	Fuji Heavy 76/81P	104.00	6.73	3.83	5.80	1.881
7%	Fuji Heavy 76/81P	102.00	6.87	2.08	5.73	2.117-87S
7%	Gen. Zbk. Vienna 74/80	102.00	6.86	1.36	5.52	1.671-80S
8%	Gen. Zbk. Vienna 75/82P	109.50	4.85	4.08	6.52	1.382
8%	Gen. Zbk. Vienna 76/83P	107.50	7.91	4.49	6.52	1.282-83D

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Division among the building societies

By MICHAEL CASSELL, Building Correspondent

BUILDING society movement is deeply worried about its future. It was not convinced by the recent comforting assurance from Lord Hill of Luton that the movement's 200-year history, of which he is chairman, are not intended to overstate the movement's traditional strength and recommended interest rates.

In calm bedside manner and baring his teeth, the building society radio doctor was fully conversant with the world of building society executives. In particular, the decision to maintain a prudent line on interest rates was "not intended to buck system."

At the same time, the building society world is a place of some confusion and a deal of doubt, which in a movement used to stability and unanimity is regarded as unbecomingly unwelcome.

The situation which the building society world is in at the moment is the direct result of a year of outstanding success which may prove to be a turning point in its history.

On a more immediate level, it could have a direct effect on house prices in the coming months.

It was clear by the Spring of 1977 that the building society world was in a position of strength, an excellent year in the building society world, it turned out even better than the optimistic observers had imagined.

The situation was one which the building society world had not seen for a long time. It began devaluing ways of coping with its success. It was eventually decided that the building society world had seen their interest rates fall steadily throughout 1977, should be reduced.

By the time the Building Societies Association Council met in mid-September to recommend the third cut in interest

rates of 1977, the Abbey was already making it clear that the line was considered the correct one for many societies was not, on this occasion, necessarily acceptable to the second largest in the country. In early October, the Abbey said it was seizing "a rare opportunity to lessen the blow for investors" and announced that while it would pay the recommended lower rate of interest on new money, it would continue to offer the higher rate on deposits made before October 31.

The Society took similar action after the decision in January of the Association to reduce investors' and borrowers' rates even further—this time paying a higher than recommended rate on all money deposited before January 31. It means that many Abbey investors are currently receiving over 1 per cent more on their ordinary share accounts than is actually being recommended, while others are half a point better off.

The Abbey's move will cost it several millions a month and will be maintained at least until April, though with a surplus in 1977 alone of £55m, it can afford to carry on much longer.

Other major societies, like the Britannia (now back in the BSA fold), the Leeds Permanent, Alliance, and Town and Country have followed. Some of them now offering higher than recommended rates on all new as well as old money.



Lord Hill of the Abbey National (left) and Sir Raymond Potter of the Halifax.

ing societies may have been irreversibly changed.

Opinion divides fairly sharply. In spite of Lord Hill's assurance that the Abbey's move represented nothing more than a sensible solution to the problem of what he admitted to be "an excessive surplus" of funds, the decision will be seen by many as confirmation that a parting of the ways for the larger and smaller societies is inevitable.

Some of the larger operators say that they are simply more efficient and point out that they have on several occasions found themselves voting for an interest rate structure largely irrelevant to their own positions but necessary for the more vulnerable smaller society.

Until now, the sense of unity which has embraced building societies has been strong enough to ensure that the

weakest have been protected by the strongest, but the growing realisation that a substantial decline of the number of societies, at present 350, is on the way whatever happens, makes that protection somewhat less important.

There are, however, some powerful voices in opposition, not simply from the lower end of the building society scale.

The Halifax Building Society, the world's largest with assets now in excess of £60m, is predictably the rock on which support for the existing order of things is firmly based.

exemplified by the recommended interest rates system—vital to the future of the movement. The suggestion that the present system represents a cartel operating possibly against the best interests of the public and cushioning the least efficient societies from the full effect of economic forces is one to which it is openly opposed.

First, the traditional camp believes that the breakdown societies have overreacted to a fluctuation, albeit a significant one, in the current level of surpluses and reserves and that they should simply continue to absorb any additional funds in readiness for the next period when money is short.

There is also a fairly widespread assumption that competition for funds would result in higher interest rates—leading to more expensive mortgage money—and that, in any case, most societies would end up offering

much the same to investors and borrowers, as do the banks, which are technically free to set rates as they wish.

The question, according to Mr. Ralph Stow, present chairman of the Association, is a simple one: "Do we wait for one of the big boys to set the level and then follow, or possibly outpace him, or do we confer in Council and arrive at a recommendation of interest rates which we believe to be in the best interests generally of both investing and borrowing members of societies?"

I have no doubt where the consensus of opinion lies.

Behind all the discussions there is the societies' awareness that if they do show themselves unable to organise their own affairs in this respect, then the Government may well wish to play an even greater role than at present in the conduct of their business.

Relations with the Government could be put to the test this year by the issue of house prices. All the indications are that average prices will rise at a faster rate than in any year since the period of explosive increases in 1972-73.

No-one expects that situation to be repeated, but some of the latest estimates from within the building society movement suggest that average prices could rise by between 15 and 20 per cent. It is a trend which neither the societies nor the Government are too keen to discuss openly for fear of talking prices up, but there is no doubt that an expected increase of real incomes combined with something like £8.5m. of mortgage funds and continuing strong demand for home ownership will help make for a very buoyant housing market in 1978.

The difficulty could arise in deciding what level of price increase is acceptable, granted

the contentious assumption that the market should be interfered with at all.

All parties accept that price increases are necessary and that substantial ones will be needed to stimulate new house building. But what would be the Government's reaction if the societies, encouraged by high receipts and already confronted by large reserves and strong liquidity, were tempted to raise further the already agreed but flexible mortgage lending programmes for 1978?

The blame

The societies, after all, are in business to provide home loans and do not look kindly on any artificial constraint on lending. If prices did rise rapidly, then they would say that it was not they who were to blame but the body responsible for supervising incomes—the Government.

If the societies were not allowed to inject more funds into the market, their only recourse would be to stem the flow of money by cutting back interest rates still further. Many societies' executives already believe that the new 8½ per cent home loan rate is in itself a potentially significant inflationary factor and that further reductions would only raise the temperature of the housing market even further.

Everyone's hope is that, in the event, all the figures will neatly match up and that demand, mortgage availability and rising incomes will prove compatible and provide a healthy but stable private housing sector. It might be just as well for the building societies quickly to settle their internal policy differences, in case their energies are required in the near future to deal with the political world outside.

Letters to the Editor

Wholehearted welcome

Sir Keith Joseph, MP—Mr. Malcolm Rutherford's article seeks, by implication, to dissociate me from views expressed by Mrs. Chatter in her Glasgow speech. As no justification for this, wholeheartedly welcome the challenge in question.

J. Joseph, of Commons, S.W.1.

Refining money

Mr. D. Folkes—There appears to be a confusion of thought about the function of money under the wing of M3. One is, for instance, for one's own purposes, need to regard the amount of one's credit in a bank account with a building society as money, but such an

is seldom transferred from one person to another and scarcely ever in exchange for goods or services.

It is money, therefore, its ability of circulation is negligible, enabling one to disregard its monetary character for the use of analysing any economic situation. A deposit account in a bank, however, can be put into a current account, before into a circulating medium of exchange by a simple change of the appropriate piece of paper without altering the quantity of money in the bank's and liquidity ratios. It is more money in the sense of account with a building society is not.

increase in the amount of money in building societies indeed, to increase the value of houses; but the money is put there only if it is not or invested elsewhere. It is therefore difficult to see how it can be a contributory cause, distinct from a symptom, of inflation.

is not, therefore, the preclassification of assets under heading of M3 come from finding either that money is a medium of exchange or that a medium of exchange must have substantial velocity of circulation.

Folkes, of W.S.

On the offit

Mr. G. Stubbs—In his article on Feb. 6 regarding the decision of the House of Lords on the case of Willingale v. Internal Commercial Bank, Justice says that the decision, supported by the fundamental principle of the law that is not to be taxed unless it has been received, is likely to be received with little enthusiasm by academic lawyers.

question the correctness of the assertion. In the case in the discounting of long-bills was seeking, logically, to ensure that he paid tax on it, as opposed to theoretical, as profits and to do so in payment, rather than by means over a period of

Index-linked pensions

From the Government Actuary

Sir—In his study of the 1977 agreement between the official and staff sides of the Civil Service National Whitley Council, Mr. Laybourn (Feb. 2) has overlooked the commitment (para 4 of the Agreement) to "allow for the fullest possible openness about the adjustments, including the publication of reports by the Government Actuary. These would include his assessment of differences in benefits, using his best professional judgment, and any other items referred to him for advice." The series of professional reports which will stem from this remit should reassure Mr. Laybourn and your other correspondents that the deduction from pay is on a proper basis.

Mr. Laybourn and other correspondents have quoted the deduction from pay as being the value of index-linking. This, of course, is not correct. As was explained in evidence to the Expenditure Committee (e.g. in the memorandum published as Appendix 30 to its 11th Report) the deduction from pay takes account of all differences in benefits between the civil service scheme and the scheme attaching to the analogue posts (i.e. the posts with which civil service jobs are compared).

Many private sector schemes give some post-retirement increases, and some have in fact followed the cost of living. There are other differences in benefits which are not in favour of the civil service, for instance many private sector schemes provide better death benefits.

E. A. Johnston, of House, Tot Hill Street, S.W.1.

Controls and taxation

From Mr. A. Finlay

Sir—The troubles faced by the Labour Government reflect the difficulties experienced whenever a pay or prices policy is attempted to control inflation. The Conservatives have no complete solution to this problem either. How can Mrs. Thatcher's policy of no price or wage controls be effective with such a large and powerful public sector? No Government could resist a long power workers' strike, although a referendum would warm us up!

The Labour Government has acted in a reasonably effective manner to control price and wage inflation. I do not, however, condone the Government's blacklisting. This action is a bad precedent for similar discrimination in Government affairs which

should be dictated by commercial criteria alone. This kind of wage and price policy cannot continue indefinitely, with some companies escaping the blacklist and raising prices by devious means, tantamount to bribery and suspect "productivity agreements."

As a Liberal, I would prefer to see free bargaining on wages and the market dictating prices. The Price Commission remaining to identify and remedy price fixing by cartels or monopolies at excessive levels. The nationalised industries should be rationalised and returned to the private sector to face market realities. A Board should be created to determine the wages of any remaining public sector employees.

The 10 per cent guideline on wage increases is only a figure at which most bargaining begins. As such, this figure is much too high when it is compared with industrial production which is at almost the same level as in 1970.

Let us hope the next Government will effect the necessary measures to stimulate the economy by removing controls and taxation which hamper productivity and damage incentive.

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Breach of contract

From Mr. S. Penwill

Sir—Mr. Sam Silkin is reported as saying "it has never been the policy of the Government that it should take any action with the intention of causing a breach of contractual obligations." Why then did it pass Part 3 of the Remuneration Charges and Grants Act which contemplates breach of contract as a result of limitation of remuneration, if that breach was not anticipated?

S. W. Penwill, 150, Finchchurch Street, E.C.3.

Towing an oil rig

From Mr. M. Roddick

Sir—Mrs. Young (February 8) poses a very pertinent question on the sailing of the "Orion" during "this kind of weather." It is rare to obtain an ideal forecast for the towing of large units during the winter period, and every day of delay costs vast sums of money. In fact, the combination sailed from Rotterdam on a forecast which was the best for three weeks.

It is important to note that the "Orion" was a cargo on a pontoon, and to that extent protected from the effects of the sailing time. The surveyors and tug-master, who are more likely to have taken the decision to sail, are among the most experienced in the world.

If underwriters could always impose the surveys, tugs and conditions of their choosing, many of the losses which have occurred would be avoided, but it is a free market and I would not have it otherwise.

M. J. Roddick, Lloyd's, Lime Street, E.C.3.

The Fitzleet decision

From Mr. R. Berg

Sir—Mr. E. Roberts (February 7) argues that the Fitzleet decision cannot prejudice tax deductibility of interest, which

Business airports

From the Managing Director, British Airports Authority

Sir—Mr. R. Downes (February 8) questions the Government's proposal in its White Paper on airports policy to develop Biggin Hill as the business aviation airport for London and advocates further use of Northolt.

The White Paper says that the owners of Northolt, the Ministry of Defence, is willing to continue to make the aerodrome available for civil operations, but there are environmental and operational constraints, relating to the runway and its proximity to Heathrow which limit the type and number of movements by civil aircraft at Northolt.

Mr. Downes also accuses the British Airports Authority of "frightening off private flying with 'incredibly high' landing fees and parking charges. Since February 1, BAA has considerably reduced parking charges at London's Stansted airport and the four Scottish airports controlled by the BAA.

An illustration of the reduction is that if Mr. Downes's company aircraft had landed at Stansted before February the cost would have been £17.20 to land and park for 24 hours. Since February 1 it now costs £5 to land and park for 24 hours, and only £5 parking charge a day after that.

Unfortunately the same rates cannot apply at Heathrow or Gatwick because of the demand on runway slots and parking space during peak periods, at those relatively congested airports, but parking charges for 1978 are to remain at 1977 levels for business aviation at these two airports.

John Mulken, 2, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1.

To-day's Events

GENERAL
EEC Foreign Ministers begin two-day meeting in Copenhagen on European political co-operation.

EEC Agricultural Ministers begin two-day meeting, Brussels. New session of European Parliament opens, Strasbourg (until February 17).

European Central Bankers begin two-day monthly meeting, Basel.

Mr. Anthony Wedderburn, Energy Secretary, chairs meeting of Energy Commission.

Mr. M. Evans, general secretary of Transport and General Workers' Union, in Merseyside for talks with local British Leyland union officials and possibly

plant managers in effort to resolve strike at company's Speke factory.

First of two missions from Nippon Steel leaves for China to discuss supply of technology for proposed integrated steel plant.

Mr. Benedict Meynell, a senior EEC official, expected to begin trade talks with Japanese Foreign Ministry in Tokyo.

Negotiating conference on new International Wheat Agreement opens in Geneva (until March 23).

Mrs. Shirley Williams, Education Secretary, visits European

Centre for Nuclear Research, Geneva.

Guildhall Court hearing resumes of currency fraud charges against Lewis Alunan and Company, stockbrokers, and others.

Williams and Glyn's Bank reduces rate on new personal loans to 7½ per cent on initial amount.

PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS
House of Commons: Debate on public purchasing and abuse of Ministerial power. Motion on financial assistance to opposition parties.

OFFICIAL STATISTICS
Retail sales (January, provisional). Turnover of catering trades (fourth quarter).

COMPANY RESULTS
Nottingham Manufacturing Company (full year).

COMPANY MEETINGS
See Week's Financial Diary on Page 28.

OPERA
Royal Opera perform Ariadne auf Naxos, Covent Garden, W.C.2, 7.30 p.m.

D'Oyly Carte Company in The Gondoliers, Sadler's Wells Theatre, E.C.1, 7.30 p.m.

SPORT
Tennis: BP Cup, Torquay (9 a.m.).



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OVERSEAS MARKETS

EUROBONDS

D-Mark steals the limelight

THE DEUTSCHEMARK sector of the market stole the limelight throughout last week and is most likely to continue to do so if current trends persist. Fears of rising inflation in the U.S. and the effects this might have on interest rates coupled with continuing uncertainty about the U.S. currency are widespread. Rising inflation and strong credit demand by the Federal Government will push bond yields higher and prices lower, analysts say. This outlook inevitably calls in question the performance of last week's steady market although prices of individual bonds moved up by as much as half a point.

A major factor in the firmer tendency in the dollar sector may have been that only three new issues were announced last week, one for Avco, one for Hitechi Zosen and a \$20m. private placement for ECSC. By market standards all three are small, and overall the market is fairly starved of good quality paper.

The Deutsche mark sector, meanwhile, was booming; new issues were eagerly sought which allowed the New Zealand issue to be increased from \$200m. and the coupon on Norcem to be cut

by a quarter of a point. Both Norcem and Fujitsu are expected to be priced to-day.

The fine detail of this sector was demonstrated by the terms offered on the Banco Nacional de Desvolupmientio Economico (BNDE), which were finer than those obtained by the Republic of Brazil only a month ago. Although BNDE is owned by the Government of Brazil, it ranks as a less good credit than the Republic.

Argentina obtained even better terms and a number of banks are anticipating that a DM200m. bond for Venezuela which West deutsche Landesbank is scheduled to bring to the market in a few weeks will see coupons for Latin American borrowers fall even further. This will be the largest Deutsche mark bond ever for a major Latin American country.

It will go hand in hand with a DM200m. term loan being arranged by the same bank. The demand for DM denominated bonds is coming from various sources, not just domestic.

The terms for the latest domestic Federal Government funding confirmed that interest rates are still on a downward trend with a coupon of 8 per cent. on 12 year

BY FRANCIS GHILES

New Zealand's considerable increase in compared with the latest high, set in 1972. Three yen bonds worth ¥90bn. are scheduled for the current month, a slight increase on the monthly high set last December. Scandinavian borrowers and Australia are currently in evidence. Other Latin American issues in the Banque Nationale des Chemins de Fer Français will come to this market next March confirms the French interest in this sector and the market. The Banque Française du Commerce Extérieur was the first to tap it last year, and Electricite de France should follow. Other S. & S. Schmidt, American Bank and the Philippines, while the governments of Norway, Sweden and Argentina are expected to tap the market in April. Other Latin American borrowers are also known to be keen to borrow in Tokyo.

A thirteen page guide to the international bond market - a rare example of a short introductory description of the market was published last week in the latest issue of Investment Comment by Royal Trust Company of Canada, Royal Trust House, 34 Jernyn Street, London, S.W.1Y 6NQ.

CURRENT INTERNATIONAL BOND ISSUES

Borrowers	Amount m.	Maturity	Av. life	Coupon %	Price	Lead manager	Offer yield %
U.S. DOLLARS							
BNP	100	1982	4	7	100	BNP	6.59
NZ Forest Products	75	1986	6.74	9	100	Kidder Peabody, LBI	7.25
Avco Overseas Cap. Corp.	25	1985	6	9	100	Kidder Peabody	7.25
Hitechi Zosen (steel)	25	1983	6	8	100	Nomura, S. G. Warburg	6.59
ECSC	20	1990	10	8	100	Société Générale de Banque	6.59
D-MARKS							
Argentina	150	1985	7	4	99	Deutsche Bank	6.59
Finland	100	1983	5	7	100	Dresdner	7.25
Banque Nat. d'Algérie	100	1986	1	4	100	Deutsche Bank	6.59
Fujitsu	100	1988	8	5	99	Deutsche Bank	5.57
Norcem	100	1985	7	5	100	Deutsche Bank	6.59
New Zealand	100	1985	8	5	100	Commerzbank	6.59
ECSC	25	1981	3	8	100	Dresdner	7.25
Banco Nat. de Desvolupmientio Econ.	150	1986	6.5	6	100	Commerzbank	6.59
SWISS FRANS							
Den Norske Industribank	100	1983	n.a.	4	100	Credit Suisse	4.00
Mitsubishi Chemical Inds.	100	1985	n.a.	4	100	SBC	4.50
L. Schmidt	100	1989	n.a.	3	100	UBS	4.50
New Zealand	120	1993	n.a.	3	100	Bank of Montreal	4.50
Holmes & Brink	30	1993	n.a.	4	100	Suisse	4.50
STERLING							
1988	15	1988	10	10	100	Hambros	10.25
1988	20	1988	10	10	100	Hyatt, Eastman Dillon	10.20
AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS							
1983/8	15	1983/8	1	10	100	First Boston, BNP, KIC	10.50
DUTCH GUILDERS							
Koninklijke Koninklijke	100	1993	n.a.	7	99	AmroBank	7.91
1983	70	1983	n.a.	7	100	AmroBank	7.91
KUWAITI DINARS							
1988	7	1988	n.a.	8	100	BAL, KIC	8.50

Indices

NEW YORK - DOW JONES

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
Industrial	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

STANDARD AND POORS

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
Composite	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88
High	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88
Low	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.88

OVERSEAS SHARE INFORMATION

NEW YORK

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

N.Y.S.E. ALL COMMON

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

MONTREAL

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

TORONTO

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

JOHANNESBURG

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

GERMANY

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

CANADA

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

JOHANNESBURG

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

AUSTRALIA

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

PARIS

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

VIENNA

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

BRASIL

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

OSLO

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

SPAIN

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

SWITZERLAND

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

STOCKHOLM

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

BRUSSELS/LUXEMBOURG

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

MILAN

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

TEL AVIV

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

PRICES CHANGED

Index	10 Feb	9 Feb	8 Feb	7 Feb	6 Feb	5 Feb	4 Feb	3 Feb	2 Feb	1 Feb
High	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98
Low	775.96	777.81	782.68	778.88	768.98	770.86	768.98	768.98	768.98	768.98

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INSURANCE BASE RATES	
† Property Growth	11%
† Cancon Assurance	11%
† Vanbrugh Guarantees	7.25%

† Amount shown under Insurance and Property Bond Table.

	Feb. 10	Feb. 8	Feb. 7	Feb. 6	Feb. 5	A year ago
Inter-Sec.	78.60	77.50	74.41	74.05	74.05	74.83
Inter-Sec.	78.16	77.50	77.31	78.03	78.03	78.76
Unfin.	177.0	178.3	168.0	163.7	169.1	168.7
Ind.	346.0	343.4	345.0	351.6	351.6	351.6
V. Dist.	5.70	5.83	5.78	5.76	5.88	5.84
N.Y. dist. 100	17.37	17.89	17.49	17.56	17.78	17.78
30 day 100	8.18	8.17	8.00	8.07	7.93	7.97
3 month	8.143	8.188	8.077	8.058	8.111	8.261
turnover 100	95.76	94.10	90.38	92.89	97.17	88.87
turnover 100	16.844	14.155	14.590	15.734	13.350	17.615

* Based on 52-100 rent. corporation tax. Nil=\$00.
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HIGHS AND LOWS S.E. ACTIVITY

	High	Low	High	Low	10	9.1	
acc.	9.80 (34.1)	5.40 (11)	127.4 (19.58)	49.15 (11.10)	—Daily Unit-Budgets	202.8	203.1
					Infrastructure	210.5	193.9
st.	81.27 (17.16)	50.49 (11)	156.4 (20.11)	50.23 (11.07)	Speculative	83.9	58.1
					Total	159.8	164.94
Th...	549.2 (14.0)	357.5 (11)	549.2 (14.07)	49.4 (20.40)	Unit-Budgets	221.0	226.1
					Infrastructure	191.6	191.4
ins.	174.5 (1.10)	95.1 (1.2)	429.4 (1.07)	45.5 (1.07)	Speculative	25.5	58.6
					Total	163.4	154.4

	Feb. 10	Feb. 9	Feb. 8	Feb. 7	Feb. 6	Feb. 5	A Year ago
tal Group	201.40	201.88	199.98	198.01	195.40	196.15	149.54
Revenue	231.96	222.53	219.58	218.31	215.10	215.78	176.03
old pr.	5.56	5.59	5.62	5.64	5.73	5.70	6.54
ns (net)	8.20	8.22	8.13	8.15	8.03	8.06	8.80
res	204.85	205.43	202.49	201.93	199.15	199.85	162.73

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